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Mental health beds could be lost to east of county

NHS to carry out review of services with consultation underway

by Trevor Bevins

FIFTEEN mental health beds in Weymouth could be moved to the east of the county under a proposed review.

But local campaigners are lobbying for the beds to be moved to Dorchester, instead, arguing that the county town is more centrally placed to provide a service.

The beds proposed for the move are at the Linden Unit, part of Westhaven Hospital on Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

The consultation document says the county is not "meeting the needs" as well as it could.

It says part of the solution could be adding 16 acute inpatient beds to the system, 12 at St Ann's hospital in Poole and four at Forston Clinic at Charlton Down, north of Dorchester.

Paul French, Local GP and clinical lead for mental health and learning disabilities with NHS Dorset CCG, said he believes the proposed changes would help to match demand with services.

"Over the coming weeks I would encourage everyone who has either used mental health services, knows someone who has, or simply has a view, to find out more and have their say."

Simon Williams from The Hughes Unit Group Supporters (HUGS), said that less than four in ten inpatients for the Linden Unit come from the Weymouth area.

He says that Dorchester might be a better location for at least some of the beds if they were to be closed.

Healthwatch Dorset chair Joyce Guest welcomed the public consultation and is urging people, whether or not affected by mental health issues, to look at the consultation document and contribute to the review.

She said: "This public consultation on acute mental health services has been a long time coming. Local people have been asking us how the NHS in Dorset can carry out their current review of health services without including mental health, so it's good to see this public consultation launch.

"Local people tell us that mental health crisis care in Dorset is at breaking point and currently people find themselves without the help and support they need when they're at their most vulnerable.

"The NHS in Dorset

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DAMIEN Weston has had a complete change in life – going from high tech to relatively low tech… from selling mobile phones to becoming a chimney sweep and installing wood burning stoves.

He was born in Exeter, lived in Okehampton but has spent most of his adult life in and around Dorchester with his wife and two children.

He came to the county town when his dad landed a job as an environmental health officer at West Dorset District Council.

Damien himself has had other jobs – including working in Dorchester Prison and in the Verne on Portland – and alongside his chimney sweeping helps out, when needed, with his wife's new wool shop which has just opened in Durngate Street, Dorchester, an off shoot from a similar shop she and her sister run in Cullompton.

● I GUESS everyone thinks chimney sweeping is only a winter job?
Not really, I've got enough work throughout the year although it's true that from August onwards lots of people start thinking about the winter months, getting their chimneys swept, or installing wood burning stoves which have become very popular.

● HOW did you get into it?
I was getting a bit of a moral dilemma about trying to sell people mobile phones and everything which goes along with that when my step-brother, who install stoves, said he needed a bit of help. He said it would also be useful to be a chimney sweep because you need to sweep a chimney before an installation – so I did a course in Maidstone and two days later, newly qualified, bought the kit.

● APART from soot, have you found other things up chimneys?
You often find nests, or bits of nests. I've found lots of shiny objects which are dropped by magpies or jays, I even found a whole piece of dried toast up one, which I presume had been dropped by a bird, but the oddest of all was up to a 100 mummified jackdaws…

■ DAMIEN Weston sweeping a chimney from the top down

I just kept pulling them out and to this day nobody has a sensible explanation why there were so many.

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● DO PEOPLE worry about the mess you might make?
They do, but most of the time is spent making sure that doesn't happen. I cover everything over and tape up fireplaces so we don't get soot everywhere. I would soon be out of work if I didn't do that?

● DO YOU think you'll ever run out of chimneys to sweep?
I doubt it – they told us on the course there are an estimated 75million chimneys in Britain, so there should be enough to go round.

● AND when you are not sweeping chimneys what do you like to do?
I did media production at Weymouth College when I left Thomas Hardye School so I still like to dabble in making films, but these days mainly with my son who also has an interest. I also like photography – landscapes, wildlife, street photography. I'm still into music. When I was younger my brother was in a band and as a teenager I used to go on tour with him and his mates in a minibus. I can play the guitar and drums and a bit of harmonica, and still like to go to see bands, and maybe one festival a year. I prefer heavy metal but I also like rock and listen to quite a lot of folk music as well.
The job keeps me pretty active but I still like to do a bit of bodyboarding when I can.

● DO YOU have a claim to fame?
I was quite good at basketball at Thomas Hardye and generally liked sport. I bumped into my old PE teacher the other day and he tells me that my school record for shot put has still not been broken. I think I won that every year.

● YOU'VE spent a lifetime in Dorset, are you ever likely to leave?
Who knows, I doubt it, I like the countryside and the peace and quiet. I've recently returned from the Alps, snowboarding, and they're magnificent but there is something about Dorset that makes me appreciate it here.

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Talking newspaper celebrates 30th year

AN important community service has hosted a visit by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Richard Kosior in a year which marks its 30th anniversary.

He was taken round South West Dorset Talking Newspapers at their new home in the back of the Moose Lodge building on Chickerell Road, Weymouth.

SWDTN spokesman Eleanor Smith explained to the Mayor that they reach out to nearly 150 people with sight problems across the area.

She said: "We provide them with a memory stick containing each week's local news from all the local papers and also a verbal magazine slot of everything from recipes to gardening.

"We have more than 80 volunteers working on a rota on a very occasional basis, but we are looking for a technician to help record and produce the newspaper on the memory sticks.

"We will provide training. It is very straightforward to learn and it is a very important post for the group because if we don't get someone soon we will be in trouble."

Mr Kosior said: "This is a vital community service. For people who cannot see properly it is a way for them to keep in touch with what is going on locally and around the world.

"Disability should never be a bar to communication especially nowadays.

"We need to make sure that the correct communication is imparted by doing away with rumour control and concentrating on facts not word of mouth fiction.

"I was quite surprised at how many people SWDTN helps. It is a much valued community asset, definitely so."

Eleanor said: "It is our 30th anniversary this year and we will be talking to some of our founders for a special broadcast.

"We have recently welcomed a number of new listeners and ours is a service which is clearly needed over a wide area. People say it is much appreciated."

Anyone able to join the group or who would like to volunteer for the technical position should ring Ann Sawtell on 01305-782602 or email her on ann@annderek.plus.com.

MAYOR Richard Kosior with South West Dorset Talking Newspapers' staff

Cash and TV stolen during burglary

DETECTIVES investigating an alleged burglary at a restaurant in Weymouth are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

Officers were called at 10.49am on Sunday January 29th to reports of a burglary at Jasmine Restaurant in Dorchester Road.

A quantity of cash and a TV was stolen.

Detective Constable James Mullen, of Weymouth CID, said: "I am appealing to anyone who saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area of Lodmoor Hill between 7.30am and 9.30am on Sunday to please contact Dorset Police."

A 30-year-old man and a 45-year-old man – both of Weymouth – have been charged with two counts of burglary and appeared before Weymouth Magistrates' Court on Monday, January 30th.

They are next due to appear before Bournemouth Crown Court on Thursday, March 2nd.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170014373.

Help at hand for elderly stranded by gas main repair road closures

By Trevor Bevins

HELP is being offered to pensioners who might be struggling to use public transport during the emergency gas works at Weymouth's Manor roundabout.

Two community transport schemes in the town have stepped in to provide alternatives to some affected passengers.

Weymouth Dial-a-Bus service, provided by Dorset County Council, gives accessible transport for elderly and disabled people who find it difficult to use or access public transport services.

The Dial-a-Bus operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays and travels to Weymouth town centre. Trips need to be booked before 3pm the day before you wish to travel.

The driver will collect people from their home between 10.30am and 11.30am to take them to Weymouth town centre with the return journey departing from the town centre between 1pm and 2pm to take them home.

For further information call 01305 228965.

The other community transport option is Weymouth Community Transport, a voluntary car scheme available to people over the age of 55 who do not have access to their own transport, to attend medical appointments.

For further information, call 01305 783999 Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm and Friday 10am-12pm.

Concessionary bus passes are not valid on these schemes so fares are required from all passengers.

The essential work at the roundabout, which has completely closed the access to Dorchester Road, involves the replacement of old metal gas mains with new plastic pipe to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply to the local area is maintained.

The road closure will remain in place until late February in both directions, between Radipole Lane and Manor Roundabout, to ensure the safety of the public.

Short story winners:

THANK you for all the entries to our Short story competition as part of our National Storytelling Week feature on Wednesday, January 25th.

Congratulations to our winner Sharon Starr from Weymouth and her story *A Final Touch* who has won the £20 book voucher donated by Waterstones in Bridport.

Well-done to our runners up Glyn James, Carol Lancaster and Sophie Petit-Zeman.

You can find their short stories along with our Devon winners on our website, www.viewnews.co.uk

Keep a look out for future competitions in our features.

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needs to make some major improvements to mental health services and this is your chance to influence those plans.

"We urge everyone to have a look at the proposals and make your views known. One in four of us experience mental health problems and many more of us know and care for people who do, so access to these services affects us all. Please take this opportunity to have your say."

A number of drop-in consultation events are being planned for Weymouth, Dorchester and Bridport.

The first of these will be held on February 14th from 11am until 5pm at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester.

The Weymouth event is planned for February 24th, 11am-5pm, at Weymouth Library in Great George Street; followed by a second Dorchester meeting on February 25th, 11am-4pm, at Dorford Baptist Church and then the Bridport meeting on March 3rd, 11am-7pm at the town hall.

Copies of the consultation document are available at local GP surgery, any community mental health team office or local libraries.

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Further bus cuts to impact on rural areas

FURTHER cuts to bus subsidies will have a devastating effect on rural areas – according to a Dorchester councillor.

Councillor Andy Canning says that the county council announced that it is cutting the number of bus services that it supports from 35 down to just seven, which he says is "a disgrace".

"This will have a devastating effect on everyone who doesn't have access to a car," says Councillor Canning, Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman and county councillor.

"It will increase isolation as those on low incomes, poor mobility and the elderly, who live anywhere that isn't close to a town centre, will become stranded in their homes. How are people to get food, to do their shopping or get to the doctors or the hospital? Some may be able to rely on family or friends some of the time, but many others will not."

Unviable

Councillor Canning has said that the bus services will come to an end on July 22nd and, while some may be taken on by an operator, most were financially unviable and would stop. Bus routes facing the axe include the numbers 1, 2 and 6 town services in Dorchester; the 211 Poundbury to Weymouth bus; the 212 between Dorchester and Yeovil; the 307 between Dorchester and Stalbridge; the 311 Dorchester to Blandford; the 101 between Crossways, Broadmayne and Dorchester.

Elsewhere the 44 between West Bay and Bridport will be affected; the 71 Lyme Regis town service; the 73 between Powestock and Bridport; the 210 between Litton Cheney and Bridport and the 74 between Sherborne, Yetminster and Yeovil.

Councillor Canning has launched an online petition against the changes - www.west-dorset-lib-dems.org.uk

He says he will also be working with effected parish councils and bus users to challenge the whole process.

COUNCILLOR Andy Canning from Dorchester – campaigning against more bus route cuts

by Trevor Bevins

"These cuts are going too far and are not in the interests of Dorset residents," argues Councillor Canning.

Sustainable network

Dorset County Council's cabinet member for environment, highways and infrastructure, Councillor Peter Finney, said: "As agreed by the county council last year, we need to save a further £1.85million from our public and schools transport budget in 2017/18 on top of the £500,000 saved from our subsidised bus routes in 2016/17.

"We have carried out a wide-ranging review of services in order to get the best possible outcome for local people within the available funding.

"Our approach aims to develop a sustainable transport network for Dorset by prioritising the remaining subsidy on routes that serve the most people and contribute the most to Dorset's economy.

"This is built on a core network of town to town routes that serve around 80 per cent of the population.

"We will encourage operators to open up many more school routes to the public, helping those over 16 get to education and rural residents to access market towns.

"We intend to link special school and adult social care transport in a way that makes best use of our own buses and means they can be used by the community when running to and from schools and day centres.

"We are continuing to encourage the development of more community based transport schemes for social and leisure purposes.

"We developed a toolkit and offered grants for community groups to start their own transport schemes, which have led to a number of successful start-ups and a lot of interest from communities.

"We will also work closely with operators to run rural 'in-fill' services between school opening and closing times, making use of empty vehicles travelling to and from schools services.

"A comprehensive consultation between May and July 2016 received 2,605 responses. Of these, 54 per cent agreed with this approach compared with 27 per cent who disagreed."

Andrew Wickham, managing director at Damory – which run services 44, 210, 71, 74, 101, 211, 212, 307 and 311 – said: "The contract we have with Dorset County Council to run these services is due to end before the proposed changes take place.

"We understand how important local buses are for those living in the county and will work with the local authority to ensure the best possible outcome for all concerned.

"The number of passengers travelling with us on some of these journeys is currently very low - too low for us to be able to cover the costs of the operation without external funding.

"We are completely sympathetic with our passengers along these routes, and we understand the financial restraints faced by Dorset County Council. "We will do everything possible to ensure the most vital services here are maintained."

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Nine businesses suffer break-ins

A LACK of closed circuit television in Dorchester may have contributed to a mini crime wave when nine businesses were broken into.

The town does have the cameras – but they are usually not monitored because of the costs.

Dorchester BID chief officer Phil Gordon is urging traders to fit their own cameras which he says, compared to the cost of losses and repairs, makes buying a system financially viable.

He is meeting with the town's police community support team to see what else can be done to help increase security.

He said that over the years the town had not suffered badly from crime, compared to other areas.

Said a police spokesman: "We would like to reassure the public in Dorchester that we are making active enquiries to identify and locate the offenders.

"We would ask the public to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to police."

In most of the break-ins the only thing taken was cash, including an RSPCA charity box from the Body Shop, where the break-in took place at around 6.45pm.

The break-ins happened between Tuesday, January 17th and Tuesday, January 24th.

The victims included a business unit at Burraton Square, The Oak Rooms in Antelope Walk,

Walnut Grove Café on Durngate Street; Toni and Guy the corner of South Street and Durngate Street. Other victims were Mystique in Antelope Walk and the Potters Café also in Durngate Street and a phone shop in South Street.

The Cornershop in Challacombe Square, Poundbury also had cash stolen as well as two bottles of spirits.

School site to become car park

DAMERS School is to become a car park for Dorset County Hospital when it closes and pupils move to their new school at Poundbury.

The NHS Foundation Trust is expected to take ownership of the school site in April 2017.

It says that in the short term it will use the site to create additional staff parking spaces to ease pressure on the hospital car parks and free up more spaces for patient and visitor use.

The trust is also looking at using the existing school building on an interim basis to free up office space on the hospital site.

The Grove Pre-school Playgroup will remain where it is on the school site for now and the trust is keen to keep the nursery on site as part of any future plans.

Options for the longer term use of the site are currently being worked through. The trust proposes mixed use for the site for healthcare provision and commercial use. Any commercial ventures will be aimed at generating income for the trust which can be used to support and improve patient services.

The trust's Director of Strategy and Business Development Nick Johnson said: "We are very excited to take ownership of the Damers site as it provides us with a once in a generation opportunity. We want to use the site to help us improve the patient experience, improve performance and generate income streams to contribute to the ongoing sustainability and success of the trust.

"We are currently exploring options for funding the development of the site and have commenced a process to select a development partner and we will be working collaboratively with local authorities and community groups to ensure any proposals are sensitive to local needs.

"We will engage with staff and the wider public about any proposals as the plans develop."

VOLUNTEER mentors are being recruited at Wey Valley School in Weymouth as part of the Raising Aspirations programme.

The project is backed by the Dorset Community Foundation, a local charity raising funds for those most in need. Launched in 2015, the programme matches volunteer mentors to pupils from the school with the aim to raise aspirations and positively impact on attendance and educational attainment.

The Dorset Community Foundation launched the scheme with the backing of the Goldsmiths Foundation in Weymouth as the area is one of the most disadvantaged in Dorset, and due to poor transport links and seasonal trade, many young people struggle to continue their education or find a job after they leave school.

Man spotted in gardens

DORCHESTER police are appealing for more information about a man seen looking into gardens in the Castle Park area.

It follows a number of break-ins throughout the town where burglars have gained entry via rear patio doors.

The man is described as being tall and skinny, with short balding brown hair, facial stubble, glasses, and wearing a green trench coat. He is also described as very scruffy. When someone challenged him last week he disappeared into the alleyways near Brutus Close.

If anyone has any information please contact Dorset Police on 101 quoting occurrence number 55170017348 or contact the team via email: Dorchestertown-NPT@Dorset.pnn.police.uk

'Anything accordion'

LOCAL resident Clive Wheeler is organising an 'anything accordion' evening at the Victoria Inn in Chickerell on Friday, February 17th at 7pm.

It is a get together for accordion enthusiasts to chat, play, listen or socialise and either bring their own instrument or try one of Clive's eight accordions.

For more information call Clive on 07758 134593.

Reverend to give talk

THE Reverend Giles Fraser, former Canon of St Paul's at the time of the Occupy protest, BBC Moral Maze panellist and Guardian 'Loose Canon' columnist, is coming to Dorchester to speak.

He will be at the town hall on March 10th as guest of the Verne Visitors Group, volunteers who go into the Verne as lay visitors of those held in detention.

Ticket information for the evening event will be released next week.

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Plan to accelerate home building

WEST Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council have started a programme which aims to encourage more home building and at a faster pace.

The councils, together with North Dorset District Council plan to enable building 20,000 additional homes by 2033. The target is part of the Western Dorset Growth Strategy and will be monitored by council members.

The councils are already actively working with private sector developers, housing associations and landowners to promote housing development and want to see more quality homes built quicker.

Housing development is enabled through Local Plans and the council's Development Management teams. Examples extend from Gillingham, Littlemoor and Vearse Farm in Bridport to the former Hardy Complex and Brewers Quay in Weymouth.

West Dorset District Council, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and North Dorset District Council, will benefit from £2m to support community land trusts.

Cllr Gill Taylor, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Housing, said: "The council is taking a very proactive approach to housing, this is not only houses to rent but to purchase. We need more affordable houses in the social sector as there are many residents on our housing register.

"We are also aware that there are many residents in the Borough who are in rented accommodation or living with relatives who would prefer to purchase. The council can have a role here as well. Housing is linked to economic development and this is about the long term sustainability of the area, people need to be able to live and thrive in the area to promote the economy."

Cllr Tim Yarker West Dorset District Council's Executive Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "Building the right number of new homes in the right places is key to maintaining the economic vibrancy of West Dorset."

46 affordable new homes completed at Pemberly

A RIBBON-cutting ceremony has marked the completion of 46 affordable homes for local people in Pemberly, a new development in Littlemoor, near Weymouth.

The completion coincides with the publication of Home Truths 2016/2017, the National Housing Federation's (NHF) annual report on the state of England's housing market which shows the cost of a home in Dorset is now almost 12.2 times the average local salary, and typical rents more than a third of local workers' take-home pay. The report reveals Dorset to be one of the most expensive places to live in the South West with the average house price now £295,202.

Stonewater executive director for development, Jonathan Layzell, said: "We hope our new Pemberly development will go some way towards helping tackle the shortage of affordable housing in the area, particularly the availability of good-quality low-cost rental homes at a price people in different financial circumstances can realistically afford. Last year housing associations were responsible for almost a third of all new affordable homes built in England, making a significant contribution to tackling the housing crisis and helping the Government deliver its housebuilding programme.

"For every £1 of public money we receive for housing, Stonewater invests another £6 of its own money to create a range of affordable housing for people in different financial situations. This includes homes for low-cost rent enabling those who want to buy to save money, as well as affordable shared ownership, and good-quality housing for the poorest and most vulnerable members of the communities we serve."

Stonewater worked with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and Dorset-based construction company FH Cummings Unlimited on the Pemberly scheme, which to date has provided a mix of 40 two and three-bedroom homes for affordable rent, and six two- and three-bedroom homes for shared ownership which start at £68,000 for a 40 per cent share. Stonewater will deliver a further two two-bedroom and five three-bedroom houses for shared ownership in spring next year.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jonathan Layzell, Stonewater Executive Director of Development; Councillor Gill Taylor, Portfolio Holder for Housing at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council; Councillor Richard Kosior, the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Borough; Sheila Collins, Stonewater Board Member and Jim West, Baqus Director.

Councillor Gill Taylor, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Housing, said: "It's great that this development is providing much needed affordable housing for local residents. These affordable homes will provide an essential contribution to the sustainability of the local community and assist the local housing need."

Pemberly is a 176-home development by regional builder FH Cummings, which includes 53 affordable homes for Stonewater. Each of the new homes has been delivered to a Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 equivalent standard, which measures energy efficiency and helps keep running costs low. The smart new development is also within easy walking distance of shops, local transport and amenities.

According to the Home Truths report, there are 21,000 new households forming each year in the region but less than 19,000 homes were built in 2015.

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Family history sessions

PLACES are available on three Introduction to Family History sessions at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester.

They are being held on the last Monday of the month from 9:30am to 11am at a cost of £5.

The dates are - February 27th, March 27th and April 24th.

The workshops are designed for those who are interested in family history but not sure where to start. The one-off sessions look at the basic resources that can be used in genealogical research.

Those taking part will spend some time exploring the online resources that help with family history, with some time for practice and assisted searching.

Those joining the session should bring along any information they already know their family. This can be gathered by talking to relatives and recording details of names, dates and places associated with family members.

Rail line closures

A talk is being held at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester in early February to look at the closure of rail lines in Dorset.

Colin Divall, Emeritus professor of Railway Studies, University of York, will be at the centre on Thursday, February 9th at 7pm.

Mr Divall grew up near Wimborne within sight of the Southampton and Dorchester line north of Bournemouth and spent much of his teenage years on what was left of the route once Dr Beeching had cut the passenger trains.

He will talk about the impact of the Beeching report on Dorset – the changes wrought on the railways, the people who ran and used them, and the places they served.

This event is a fundraiser for the Dorset Archives Trust and all profits will help support its mission to save Dorset's disappearing history.

Tickets for the event are available now from the History Centre at a cost of £10.

NIK JONES, centre, from Dorchester with the other equal winners of the Rotary young chef competition. Below, Nik's winning meal, after judging.

Nik wins Rotary district chef title

THOMAS Hardye School pupil Nik Jones has won a Rotary Club regional Young Chef competition.

Nik was accompanied to the final by members of the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club at Highbridge.

He was chosen as one of the three equal winners in the Rotary District 1200 Final. The others were Katie Prigg and Charlotte Penny.

Nik cooked for two hours to produce a three course meal of seared scallops on squid ink risotto, venison loin with kale and blackberry sauce and cherry and chocolate cake (chocolate brownie, chocolate mousse, cream and cherry).

He will now go forward to the next round to be held in Shaftesbury on April 1st. Nik is being mentored in the competition by Chris Holmes, sous chef at the Yalbury Cottage restaurant at Bockhampton.

Rotary district governor, John Butler, recognised thedetermination and courage of the young chefs when he presented their certificates and prizes.

Casterbridge Rotarians supported Nik during the event at Highbridge and the President, Chris Davies, and all the club members congratulate Nik on his achievement and wish him continued success in the following rounds of the competition.

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Beer drinkers raise a glass

By Trevor Bevins

Bar manager and organising committee member David Harris in his element

A LOCAL brewery has "done the double" by winning the public vote at this weekend's Dorchester Beerex – after winning a similar accolade at the Weymouth festival in the autumn.

Cerne Abbas brewery won beer of the festival for their 7.6% "Gurt Coconuts Rum Stout". Brewer Vic Irvine said: "We are honoured to win this prestigious award especially as it is done by public vote; having won at Weymouth Octoberfest last year we never dreamed of doing the double. This was originally an experimental brew which we will be brewing again soon and looking into can conditioning it."

The beer was voted best out of 87 at the 29th Beerex in Dorchester Corn Exchange at the weekend – an event which attracted 1,200 beer and cider fans.

West Dorset CAMRA spokesman Rich Gabe said "This dark rich complex ale is packed with deep flavours; reminiscing of a Bounty bar, a worthy winner."

The annual event is organised by West Dorset CAMRA (the Campaign for real ale) and Dorchester Round Table.

The Beerex committee would like to send out their "sincere gratitude" to all of the barrel sponsors and raffle prize donators along with the festival's main sponsor Palmers Brewery of Bridport who help make these amazing figures possible.

This year's Beerex chairman Adrian Patterson added: "Early indications are that we've raised in excess of £10,000 for local good causes and our main charity, Mosaic, will receive the lion's share of this.

"My thanks go to Palmers Brewery for supporting us for the third year running and to all the staff and committee members who gave up their time for free to make the event such a success.

DORCHESTER Round Tablers who co-organised the event with West Dorset Camra

EARLY start for this trio who travelled from Wiltshire to be at the festival

Advertiser's Announcement

Interested in the property market?

THE next meeting of the Devon and Dorset Investment Group will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017. This month, we are excited that we have William Smith as one of our speakers, he will be sharing his extensive experience in how to find and acquire land for property development. Steve Colley will also be presenting, talking about fund raising and the power of networking.

The meeting will be held at Lyme Regis Football Club on Charmouth Road, with registration and networking from 6pm, and the property seminar from 7pm to 9pm, we ask for a small contribution of £10 to cover costs, including tea, coffee and biscuits.

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"Next year's 30th Dorchester Beerex will be bigger and better than ever."

The fund-raising total for this year means that the festival has now raised more than £150,000 for local charitable causes since it started.

Another local Dorset brewery, Gyle 59, took silver with their Brad's coffee stout.

ELLIPSE members provided food for the event

CAMRA members were busy signing up new members

OPENING up the Town Hall as well as the Corn Exchange gave extra room this year

Advertiser's Announcement

Scott Rowe Appoints New Director

THE DIRECTORS of Scott Rowe are delighted to announce Kate Maslen, Head of Dispute Resolution, has been appointed as a Director.

Kate has vast experience of cases of all values and complexity having dealt with multi million pound disputes. Kate's view is that no client's concern is too small to deal with, and she has acted for both the individual to blue chip and listed companies. Kate frequently represents clients at court and in mediation.

Commenting on this appointment, Kevin Bull, Practice Manager and Director of Scott Rowe, said:

We identified Kate's area as one which dovetails well with our practice. Kate will bring additional opportunities and experience which will complement the firm's development strategy. Our recent appointment of Directors signals our commitment to invest in our growth and will strengthen and complement our existing team very well. We are looking forward to working with them and to guide our clients through their legal needs.

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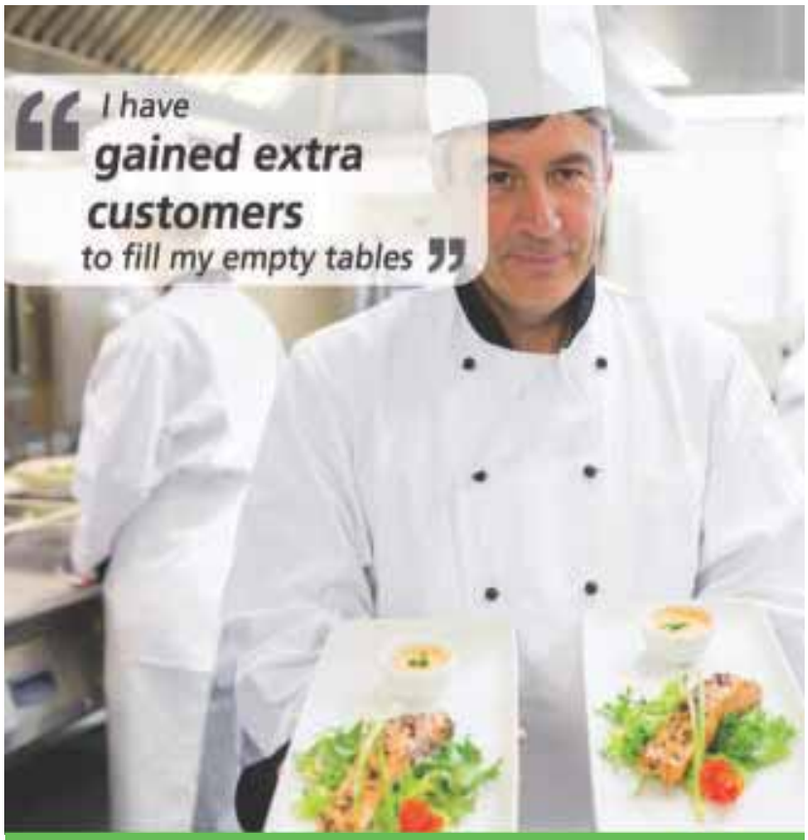

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Step forward for social care recruitment in Dorset

AROUND 20 per cent of social work positions in Dorset remain vacant with agency staff filling in some of the gaps.

Some agency workers are being paid more than double the average hourly rate of staff to cover important vacancies.

Figures before the county's recent staffing committee revealed that just three new staff social workers have started work since September although 17 others have been recruited – but are yet to start.

Sara Tough, Dorset County Council's director of children's services, said: "We are making progress, having recently appointed 17 new social workers who will be starting in the next few months, which will reduce our total number of vacancies significantly. We are continuing to receive new applications.

"We are absolutely committed to improving the lives of children and young people in Dorset. We are four months on from strengthening our social care arrangements and are investing in developing our workforce to help them make a difference."

■ Dorset is one of only three areas in the country to have been awarded a share of a £7million Government fund to transform services for children and families.

Dorset County Council has been awarded £1.995million from the Department of Education's Children's Social Care Innovation Programme for its Reinvigorating Social Work training and development programme.

The money will be invested in developing social workers so they can focus more on making a difference to children and families early on.

The scheme was successfully piloted with a small group of social workers last year and the funding means the county council will now roll it out across its children's social care workforce over the next two years.

Reinvigorating Social Work is a targeted programme of learning, development and support aimed at empowering social workers. It promotes a model of social work practice based on building relationships and improving outcomes for children and families.

Sara Tough, director of children's services for Dorset County Council, said: "It is our vision for social work in Dorset to put making a difference for children, young people and families first. The focus of Reinvigorating Social Work is improving outcomes and developing a model we can adopt across children's services.

"This funding means we can invest in our social workers, who work day in and day out to make a difference for people in Dorset.

"We are committed to making Dorset a place where quality social work can thrive. The programme will help us keep our great social workers and attract others to come and work in Dorset. We will be actively recruiting extra social workers to help deliver this approach."

■ **READING takes place all around the school**

Reading initiative creating millionaires

STUDENTS and pupils at the Wey Valley School, St Nicholas & St Laurence Primary School and Radipole Primary School continue to set new heights with the accelerated reading scheme.

The reading initiative, which measures pupil's reading ages and literacy progress during the academic year, is now into its third year and pupils from years four to 10 continue to break records with more than 4,000 books and 100 million words read since last September.

Eileen Harding, Learning Resource Centre Manager at the Wey Valley School commended all students with their participation adding: "The latest snapshot of student progress is really pleasing with notable improvements from last year.

"We have seen all year groups improve with our current year nine showing almost 80 per cent of students now on or above their reading target. All other year groups are not too far behind and we are supporting those students who have yet to reach their targets, so we expect even more students to benefit from the scheme as we progress through this year."

Mrs Harding added: "Parents can also view their child's progress with the online home connect link and we are pleased with the parental feedback and that many students continue to read at home as well."

Steve Dyer, Assistant Principal and Head of English at Wey Valley paid tribute to the scheme adding: " With 20 minutes dedicated reading time every school day and many students visiting the Learning Resource Centre either before school, break time, lunchtime or during after school homework club to read and check their online assessments of their books, we are seeing a positive impact on literacy across the school."

Mr Dyer added: "Students are reading across the school, whether in English lessons, in the Learning Resource Centre or at the start of PE lessons in the Fitness Studio – we have 14 word millionaires already and we expect many more to reach this feat by the end of the summer term!"

Buxton monument almost complete after seven years

THE Thomas Fowell Buxton Monument has now been built on Bincleaves Green, Weymouth after nearly seven years of fundraising.

Finishing touches need to be completed before it can be officially declared open in the early summer.

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society will be holding its annual meeting at 2pm on Thursday, February 16th February at the Weymouth Community Fire Station. Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, Councillor Richard Kosior will preside.

Said Chairman of Trustees for the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society, James Buxton: "The society, once it has paid off its debts, will have achieved its prime objective in erecting a monument in Weymouth to celebrate the life and achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton."

Added Dr John Fannon, Treasurer and Trustee of the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society: "The society is planning a dedication ceremony in early June 2017 and will announce details at the AGM."

Dr Fannon added that the Bishop of Sherborne had kindly agreed to lead the dedication service and the new Mayor, Councillor Kevin Brookes, and a number of honoured guests would be invited.

Preparations were being made to produce a commemorative booklet to be published for the ceremony.

Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, 1st Baronet (b. 1786 d. 1845) was an MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis between 1818 and 1837, and who led the campaign to abolish slavery as an economic system.

THE new monument to former Weymouth MP and social reformer Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton

Buxton was a Christian social reformer, chosen as a champion by an aging and ailing in health, William Wilberforce to carry on the work towards the eventual abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire. This was achieved in 1833 by Act of Parliament.

Buxton had an interest in education of the poor and prison reforms and was a great believer in self-help along with hard work. He was responsible for many changes in prison reform and criminal law reform.

Rotary cheques to help projects

WEYMOUTH'S Melcombe Regis Rotary Club has been presented with two cheques.

The presentation at a club meeting was made by Keith Barnard Jones of the Rotary Foundation who attended with his wife, Judy.

He handed over matching grant cheques from the foundation, each for £500 equalling the amounts raised by the club members.

Beneficiaries were the Murugi project in Kenya, which requires a covered waiting area for patients and an extra large Oxygen tank.

Josie Hastings on behalf of project founder Martin Hastings was at the meeting to receive a cheque for £1,000 to cover the cost of these items.

The other beneficiary is a local charity namely Fortuneswell ward at Dorchester Community Hospital for cancer patients which will also receive a cheque for £1,000 for the purchase of equipment to make life easier for patients.

PRESIDENT Ray Divall with Josie Hastings and Keith Barnard Jones and committee members

Man found guilty of running illegal pet shop

A MAN has been found guilty of offences under the Pet Animals Act 1951, following an investigation undertaken by the West Dorset District Council Dog Warden Service.

David Parsons, 57, formerly of Bankfield House, Pound Lane, Dewlish, was ordered to complete 180 hours unpaid work, pay costs of £1,500 and compensation of a total of £309.60 after being prosecuted by West Dorset District Council for three offences relating to keeping premises as a pet shop without a licence and one offence of selling an animal in a public place.

Mr Parsons was also disqualified from holding a Pet Shop License for a period of 10 years.

Mr Parsons appeared at Weymouth Magistrates Court in December where he was found guilty, following a trial, of three offences of breaching Section 1 of the Pet Animals Act 1951 and one offence of breaching Section 2 of the Pet Animals Act 1951.

He was sentenced at Poole Magistrates Court on Thursday, February 2nd.

The court heard that a total of four puppies were sold unlawfully by Mr Parsons during a time period spanning December 14th 2015 to March 4th 2016. During this time Mr Parsons was already subject to a disqualification from keeping a Pet Shop License owing to a previous offence committed in another area.

The court also heard that two of the puppies appeared to have not been vaccinated properly. This resulted in one of the puppies having to be treated with a six-month course of worming as it was passing large amounts of blood.

In a similar case, presented at the same time, another puppy sold by Mr Parsons had to be treated for worms after having bleeding from the gut.

The fourth offence related to the sale of a puppy by Mr Parsons, which then fell seriously ill and had to be euthanised the day after it was sold.

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Did you know...

THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because Valentinus -from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St Valentine.

THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Foules," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.

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Goats cheese salad
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Terrine
Chicken ham terrine with pickled girolle, tarragon and honey mustard dressing

Veg fritters
Cauliflower and broccoli fritters with curry aioli

Sorbet
Passionfruit sorbet
Lemon sorbet

MAINS

8oz Fillet Steak
8oz Fillet steak with sautéed wild mushrooms with garlic and thyme mash blistered cherry tomatoes accomapnied by steak Diane sauce.

Confit Rabbit
Confit Rabbit tagliatelle with a light Dijon mustard sauce laced with brandy with a slice of griddled sour dough bread.

Duck Breast
Pan seared duck breast with grielled chicory garlic dauphinoise potatoes, celeriac puree finished with a rich duck reduction.

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Servied with tahini dressed leaves and roast beef tomato with rosemary and garlic

DESSERTS

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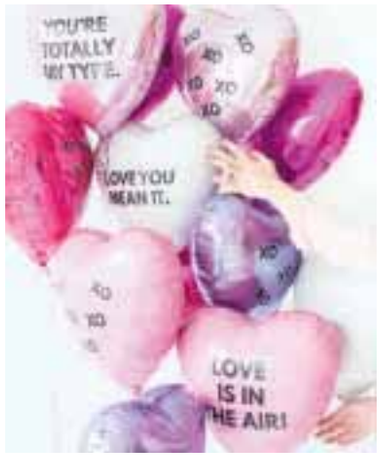

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- Your favorite pie dough
- Flour for rolling dough
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 large egg, with a splash of water
- Cherry jam or other filling of your choice – jam, peanut butter or Nutella
- Lollipop sticks (oven-safe kind)
- Heart cookie cutter

Derections:

1. Preheat the oven to temperature the dough requires. Roll out dough and cut out as many hearts as you can.
2. Spoon cherry jam or the filling of choice in the center of half of the hearts.
3. Place a lollipop stick on each crust, pushing down with a bit of pressure so it sticks into the dough without pushing through the other side.
4. Beat the egg with a splash of water. Using your fingertip or a pastry brush, run a bit of egg wash along the border of the crust of the heart. Then add the heart tops, using a fork to pinch the edges together.
5. Give the top of each pie a light coating of the egg wash, add a pinch of white sugar and dust each top. Bake for 20 – 30 minutes until they're golden and delicious.

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Fight breaks-out at film screening

A FIGHT broke out in a cinema audience during a screening of violence-filled T2 Trainspotting in Dorchester.

The brawl started because a blonde woman was loudly laughing and ruining it for others despite being asked to keep quiet.

People in the row behind her started shouting and an arguement broke out between the groups.

It was reported by cinema-goers that one woman threw a punch and two men started squaring up to one another while other members of the audience tried to diffuse the situation.

The trouble erupted at a 6.30pm screening of the cult film follow-up - starring original stars Ewan McGregor and Robert Carlyle - at the Odeon.

Daniel Smith, who was in the audience, said: "I'm not sure what was more entertaining - the film or the live action cat fight.

"It looked like the blonde woman had had a few drinks and to be fair she was ruining it for everyone."

An Odeon spokesperson said: "We can confirm there was a minor disturbance at one of our cinemas. Our team responded to the situation quickly and the problem was resolved."

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Forest School needs your votes

CHILDREN could be building shelters, exploring natural materials in art and becoming nature detectives if shoppers vote for them to introduce the Forest School approach to Greenford Primary School in Maiden Newton.

The school is calling on Tesco shoppers to use their tokens to help establish a learning area full of woodland wonder, building on the success of their current curriculum.

And they are hoping Tesco shoppers in stores across Weymouth, Dorchester, Portland and Yeovil will choose to put their token in to boost their cause.

The tokens are part of the supermarket's Bags of Help initiative, which aims to fund projects that help the community.

Organiser Kelly Critchell, a mum of two from Cattistock, said: "We are so excited at the thought of getting a Forest School for Greenford.

"It's a wonderful extra to the school allowing us to incorporate wildlife and nature into the children's curriculum."

The school could receive £1,000, £2,000 or £5,000 in the initiative, all raised from the 5p bag levy – Greenford's Forest School will be up for voting until February 25th.

If successful, the youngsters at the school, aged four to 11, will be enjoying learning through nature. The school site is fortunate to have a wooded area where children can explore along nature trails and discovering the secret lives of mini-beasts, tell Forest School stories as well as collecting woodland materials to make natural art, natural music and den making. They could also be using tools to create woodland crafts, willow weaving and exploring habitats.

DR Dave Aplin teaches children woodland skills at Greenford

Headteacher Kim Jackaman said: "Our school is set in wonderful local surroundings with the added benefit of a wooded area on site.

"Our aim is to create a Forest School that will extend the children's curriculum learning in school, as well as teaching them about sustainable use of local natural resources and outdoor practical skills."

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered more than £25 million to more than 3,000 projects up and down the UK.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said: "We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for February. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see them come to life in hundreds of communities."

Groundwork's national chief executive Graham Duxbury said: "We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between."

Age UK Big Knit

AGE UK Dorchester is hosting a 'Big Knit'athon on Thursday, February 16th from 9am - 3.30pm.

Knitters are invited to go along to the Prince of Wales Road headquarters of the charity and join in with knitting bobble hats, which are then sold by Innocent Smoothies in the winter.

Innocent pay 25p per hat, which supports Age UK in distributing essential items to keep older people warm, offer a snow clearing service, shopping support, and befriending visits during winter and beyond.

Council reorganisation

DORCHESTER Town Council will be looking at what services it might be able to take on following local government re-organisation.

"We need to talk about what we would like to have devolved to us, so we are ready," Councillor Molly Rennie told town councillors.

Her thoughts were echoed by Mayor Councillor Tim Harries who said the council should be looking at what it might want to take on, and what finance might be offered.

"We have to be prepared to move at a moment's notice," he said.

Memorial tree

DORCHESTER Drama has planted a tree in the Borough Gardens in member of founding member, Ann Ottaway.

Over the years she has directed, acted, supervised, prompted and advised on many of the group's productions.

The Katsura tree was planted near the Prince Street entrance to the gardens by Ann's daughter Sally, and long standing member Billie Brown.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully offers special tips on finding things.

All too often elderly people get a bit absent minded and forget where they've put something be it wallets, dentures, their glasses or even their wife.

If you do mislay such items the main tip is that under no circumstances should you look for them because you will spend a long frustrating time without finding anything.

The key to success is quite simple really. Make yourself a cup of tea whereupon you find those missing dentures were used to clamp extra teabags together and those missing glasses were left on the missing wallet where you'd been scanning the supermarket bill for your "daylight robbery" teabags.

That just leaves your missing wife but you'll know where she is from the clip round the ear you get for being too slow with the tea!

Spare sympathy for students and parents

WE should all spare a little sympathy for parents with children at the Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy after education inspectors Ofsted rated it "inadequate" and the school was put in special measures.

Ofsted's damning report criticised everything from pupils' behaviour to teaching standards with particular criticism for IPACA's joint sponsors, the Aldridge Foundation and Dorset County Council.

Parents are understandably furious and they have every right to be so.

They will remember their protests falling on deaf ears when they opposed merging five schools on the island into IPACA.

They will remember how local councillors refused planning permission for the new school because it was in a poor location and lacked community integration only for their decision to be overturned when IPACA appealed.

They will remember their deep concerns that a giant site would find it impossible to match the care and involvement that the five smaller sites showed children.

All their concerns have proved well founded but, as is so often the case, out-of-town experts thought they knew better.

What price education on Portland now? No wonder many parents feel their children have been short-changed.

Bricking up the countryside is not the answer

THERE is a famous song mocking poor suburban development which highlights "little boxes....made of ticky-tacky".

Well Weymouth and Portland knows all too well about the perils of large home developments, the impact they have on surrounding communities and infrastructure and the irretrievable loss they inflict on the countryside.

But life has a way of highlighting that, while no-one wants the Devil, it is sometimes "better the Devil you know than the Devil you don't". Large developments – some of them involving hundreds of homes – have been increasingly familiar in this area with developers winning more legal planning battles than they have lost. But we should all cling on with some hope to the fact that, bad though development has been in the borough, this wonderful natural and historic area still has a chance to keep some of its character.

Drive a few miles north to the Taunton area and people there have not been so lucky, having to cope not with hundreds of extra homes but with thousands. The sheer scale of home building there numbs the mind. It took me five minutes to drive through the edge of one new development complete with roundabouts which had some exit roads ending abruptly in open countryside, a clear indication that development would soon be taking place there.

So while ugly scars on Weymouth and Portland's previously green landscape are to be lamented it could actually be a lot worse.

The trick is to keep heads up and stay alert to any Government-driven house building plans which may seek to gobble up what vanishing pieces of open space Weymouth and Portland still has left while giving what support we can to more rural areas.

I fear that the likes of Chickerell and Littlemoor will be bearing the brunt of future large house building schemes as the gap between Weymouth and Dorchester is slowly nibbled away.

Yes, we must have new homes but it seems that authorities and developers have lost sight of the need for one-bedroom starters to offer some hope for young people trying to get their first foot on the property ladder. The developers, no doubt, feel it isn't their biggest profit option. All too often schemes are top heavy with three, four and even five-bedroom homes and that's before the dreaded holiday home menace is factored in to the equation.

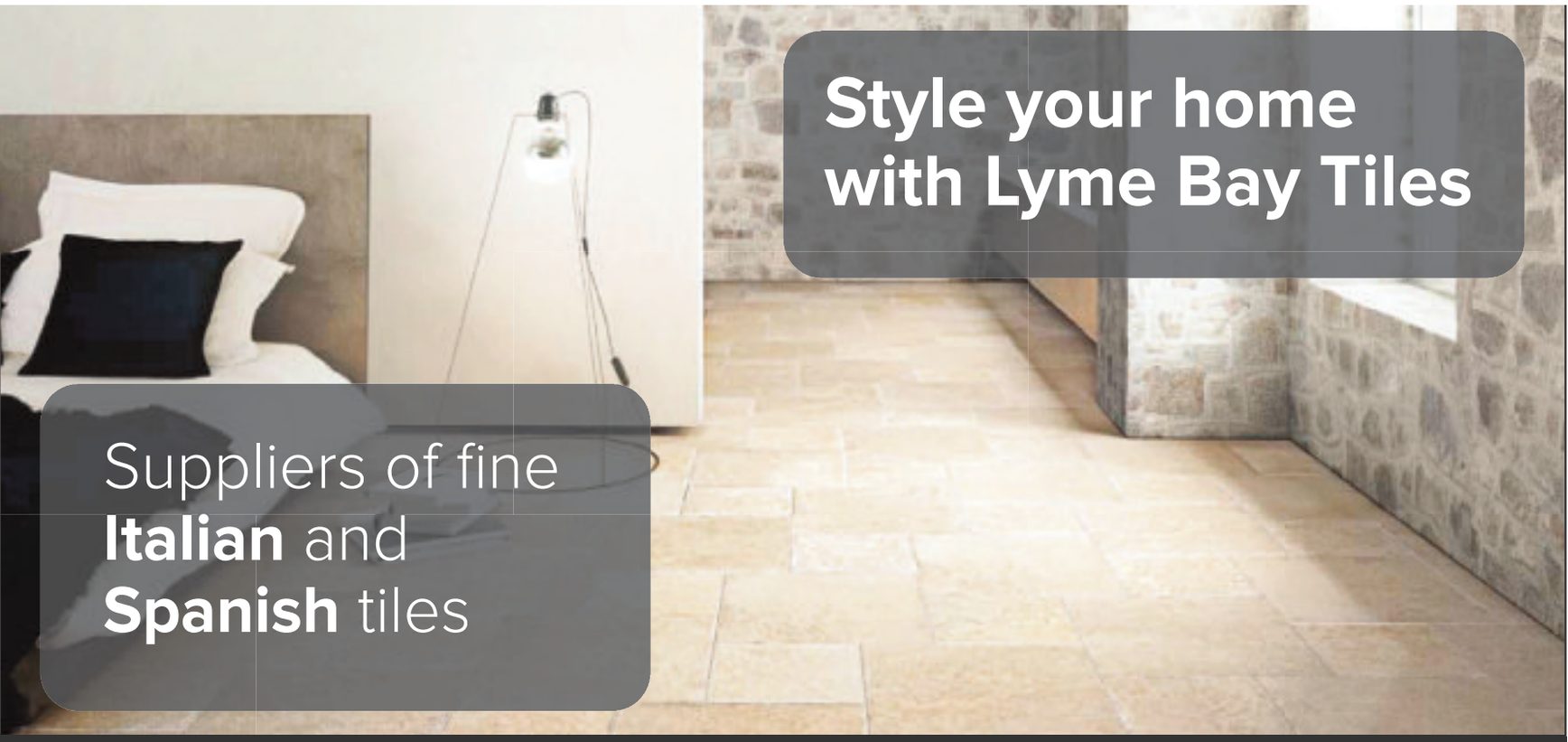
Common sense is needed to provide the right sort of home in the right place but whoever said that bricking up the countryside was common sense?

■ PUBLIC shock at the death of a cyclist in an accident where the Portland car driver was distracted by her children in the back seat has prompted advice from a former driving instructor.

He now lives in Weymouth but used to work in a different area of the country where a scheme was promoted to highlight a way for drivers to keep an eye on back seat children.

It was a simple device costing about £5 from a national outlet such as Halfords and involving a mirror which can be attached in the front passenger seat area and directed into the back seat to enable the driver to keep tabs on what is going on there without having to turn round.

He said the scheme had proved to be really popular and the wonder was that the idea hadn't had more publicity, adding that it was such a simple and cheap way to help avoid such tragedies.



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Love your Gardening Valentine...

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

THE way to a gardener's heart is a green-fingered gift and as Valentine's Day looms, there's no better time to splash out on a patio-perfect present.

Handmade Patio Log Burner: Want to snuggle up to your partner on the patio during the cooler nights? This handmade log burner from Homestead and Garden will keep the home fires burning outdoors and can even be used as an open barbecue, as you can place skewers over the top. Made from mild steel, it comes in a satin black finish (£60, www.amazon.co.uk)

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WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

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- Start to sow slow-maturing bedding plants such as African marigolds and antirrhinums under glass.
- If weather permits, prepare seed beds on free-draining sandy soil by lightly forking over the surface, breaking down large lumps and raking the soil to a fine tilth.
- Continue to bring in forced bulbs for indoor flowering as they become ready for extra warmth.
- Examine stored dahlia tubers for any sign of rotting.
- Check trellis, pergolas and arches which are supporting climbers and repair any that are damaged.
- Before plants start growing actively, check on the ties that secure them to supports. Replace any that have rotted and add extra ties if needed.
- Continue to plant bare root fruit trees and bushes if the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- If you have bought bare-root hedging plants which you can't plant because the ground is waterlogged, open them out to allow air to circulate, cover roots with straw and store in an open, rodent-free place, keeping the roots moist to avoid dehydration.
- Pot autumn-rooted fuchsia cuttings into small, individual pots.
- Continue winter-pruning trees, roses, climbers and shrubs before spring growth gets under way.

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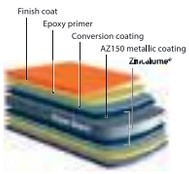

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Live family theatre coming to Dorset this February half-term!...

WITH half term just around the corner, children and families can look forward to some brilliant live theatre events taking place across Dorset through Artsreach, who in 2017 are partnered by local solicitors Blanchards Bailey. Featuring spellbinding puppets, mischevious imaginary friends and mind-boggling magic, three fantastic family productions are set to visit ten venues within the County this February half term…

Angel Heart Theatre

Malina's Dream

This enchanting show reflects upon friendship and finding the way between two worlds. Malina is an excitable young girl who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun. Into her frozen world comes a stranger, whose ship is crushed in the ice. When Malina discovers her dream has become real she knows only she can save the stranger's life…with just a little help from Grandpa and his magic drum! This warm-hearted tale, created by Angel Heart Theatre is inspired by true-life encounters between 19th century Scottish sailors and the Inuit communities of the Arctic. Breath-taking puppets, live music and a specially commissioned soundtrack create an unforgettable experience of magical theatre. A pre show shadow puppet making workshop is also happening!

Sat 11 February, 4:00pm
Nether Compton Village Hall - 01935 413220
Sun 12 February, 4:00pm
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Mon 13 February, 4:00pm
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Morgan & West

Utterly Spiffing Spectacular Magic Show for Kids

Time travelling Victorian magic duo Morgan & West unload another boxful of bafflement and impossibility. Witness a mountain of mysterious magic, a hatful of hyper-reality, and of course a truck full of tricks and tea. (Sadly there are no actual mountains or trucks on stage during the show, Mr West simply would not have them.) Mixing brain busting illusion and good old fashioned tom-foolery, Morgan & West present a show for all the family, where magic and silliness abound! Touring Dorset through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Sun 12 February, 4pm
Langton Matravers Village Hall - 01929 423834
Sun 19 February, 4pm
Charlton Down Herrison Hall - 01305 264060
Fri 10 March, 6pm
Drimpton Village Hall - 01308 867442

Paddleboat Theatre

Margo & Mr Whatsit

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? A little piece of mischief only you could see? Sophia's imaginary friend is called Mr. Whatsit, and he's always there with a new joke to tell and a new game to play – that is, until the day she unimagines him. Now there's a new imaginary friend in town – the tea-drinking, lipstick-wearing, ever-confident Margo. Can Mr. Whatsit's childish playfulness keep him from being unimagined forever? And as Sophia's imagination goes to war, will she manage to find peace in her new home? PaddleBoat Theatre Company present a lively and imaginative tale full of mime, puppetry, music, clowning and object play and invite you to enter Sophia's world, where the real and the imaginary collide and friends are never far away.

Fri 17 February, 4pm
St Nicholas School Child Okeford - 01258 861612
Sat 18 February, 11am
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PUPILS get ready to run a mile for Julia's House

Pupils to go the extra mile

PUPILS across Dorset are being invited to skip, walk or run a mile as part of a fundraising project that will benefit their schools and Julia's House, the children's hospice charity.

The Extra Mile is a sponsored event where half of all the money raised is kept by the school to pay for extra treats and projects for pupils.

The other half is donated to Julia's House, to fund care for families with a life-limited child.

The mile can be measured in laps of a school field or playground and can be done during break time or as part of a PE lessons making it simple to set-up.

The charity is hoping that if enough schools take up the challenge, together they will help fund the cost of a nurse.

The campaign is being backed by children's TV presenter and Julia's House Patron Chris Jarvis who said: "I hope lots of schools sign up for this. Extra Mile is going to be great fun and for a great cause. I will be sending special video messages to everyone taking part to cheer them on."

Julia's House provides frequent, regular support for families in its Corfe Mullen hospice and in their own homes across Dorset and Wiltshire, giving mums and dads a well-earned break.

Julia's House community fundraiser Laura Kelly said: "The Extra Mile is not about who walks or runs the fastest but about children having fun with school friends and helping other children who may be too poorly to walk or run.

"This is the first time we have organised a joint activity for pupils that benefits both the school and the families we support. It is a really simple but enjoyable way of sharing fundraising."

In a trial last year one Dorset first school raised more than £6,000 - £3,000 for Julia's House and £3,000 to spend on a new outdoor learning centre.

Each child who takes part will be presented with a medal, the top three fundraisers will get a goodie bag and the class raising the most money will receive a trophy, thanks to Extra Mile sponsors, Superior.

The Extra Mile is open to all schools. To sign up for a free fundraising pack or find out more please contact Laura on 01202 644220 or visit juliashouse.org/extramile

Kite flying weather!

STORMY weather might be a nightmare for some – but for others, especially these kite surfers at Overcombe Corner, Weymouth conditions could not have been better.

Swing into spring with choral society

WEYMOUTH Choral Society will be staging its Swing Into Spring concert on Saturday, April 8th at 7.30pm in All Saints School.

A varied and lively programme will be on offer with special guests the Quangle Wangle Choir, community group much famed for their enthusiastic and delightful performances.

The concert will have something for everyone with a wide range of genres and styles from classical oratorio to musical theatre, from pop hits and jazz to hymn tunes as well as ballads and folksongs from around the world.

Weymouth Choral Society's pianist, Louise Dukes, will display her skills on piano accordion as well as accompanying the choir.

The evening will culminate in a selection of songs reflecting the beauty and energy of the coast and ocean.

Tickets cost £10, will be available from March 1st and can be bought from members by contacting 07712 135150, from Weymouth Pavilion or from Harmony Music in Dorchester.

Village market returns for 2017

PRESTON Village Market will hold its first event of 2017 on Saturday, February 11th, from 10am-12.30pm.

The market will be held in St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston, where stallholders will be selling cakes, savouries, preserves, various cards, jewellery and crafts.

There will be eggs and plants for sale as well as a Traidcraft stall while visitors can also relax with delicious refreshments.

This time the market will be raising funds for Gulley's Place Trust Fund, which supports children's palliative care across Dorset from diagnosis to death in hospital, at home and beyond. The market will also raise money for St Andrew's Church Fund.

Entrance to the market is free but donations from visitors to the chosen charities would be appreciated.

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Their experts will be offering verbal valuations on a wide range of objects and they also aim to educate and advise you of your objects identity and history as well as its value.

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Visitors to the event are invited to bring along any small items they would like to be valued including silver, jewellery, ceramics, old toys, memorabilia, paintings and anything else that can be easily carried.

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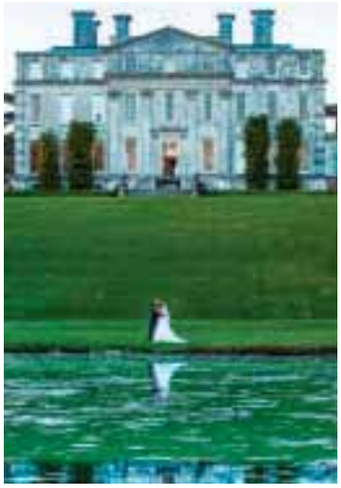

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The shop has generous space with natural lighting, very important for choosing colours and fabrics to suit you. The very spacious mirrored changing rooms are a must to be able to see the gowns at their full advantage, which you can now see from the comfort of your own home through our virtual tour. To see the whole effect accessories are available with Richard Design veils and tiaras and Rainbow Club shoes. A comfortable seating area for the brides family and chosen friends is always a must.

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THE LONGEST JOHNS

Vocal group as featured on Gareth Malone's The Choir to perform in Lyme Regis

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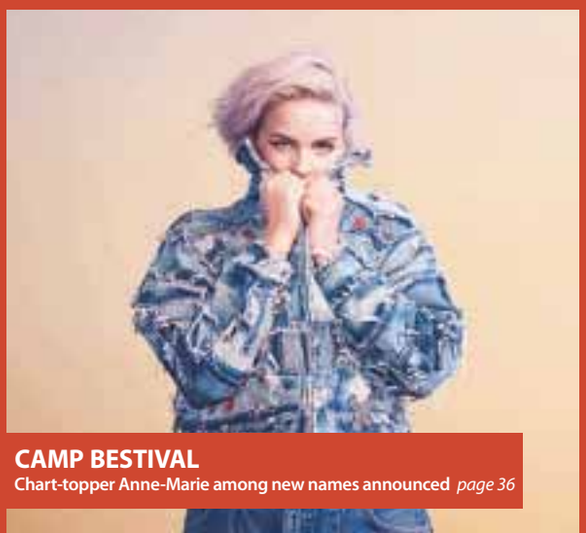

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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Jazz Jurassica's Valentine's treat

JAZZ JURASSICA will literally blow away winter blues in time for Valentine's Day with acclaimed saxophonist Tony Roberts and the Ray d'Inverno Trio on Saturday, February 11th in Lyme Regis. After a remarkable playing career, spanning six decades, saxophonist Tony Roberts kicks off what will be his 80th year with a loved up set of exhilarating jazz classics.

Tony first cut his teeth as a young musician in the Royal Tank Regiment after answering ad in Melody Maker! Joining the army, he said, was the only way to learn his trade. "And then it was just practice, practice, and more practice until my lips bled".

After playing in army bands for six years, he went to London, quickly becoming a regular fixture at Ronnie Scott's and on the London gig circuit, both as a jazz musician and session player. He played regularly with the likes of John Dankworth and Alexis Korner. And here he also met up with John McLaughlin and Danny Thompson in the mid-1960s, before McLaughlin went off to play with Miles Davis.

Turning his back on the London music scene, Tony bought a small-holding outside Honiton and has remained in the area ever since. But his love affair with music never waned and he continued to earn his living as a musician, touring with John Renborne and playing music for the TV series Bergerac.

Although now in his 80th Year, Tony remains a passionate player and his love affair with the tenor sax is evident, "it's the closest sound to my own voice, I don't sing, but the tenor sax speaks to me, which is why I like it".

At Jazz Jurassica, he's joined by pianist/composer,

Tony Roberts

Ray d'Inverno leading his trio in this classy double bill. Ray has played with top jazz stars Gilad Atzmon, Alan Barnes, Tina May, John Williams and Norma Winstone.

So, what can audiences expect when Tony with the Ray d'Inverno Trio in February? Typically, he thinks about his audience first . "As it's so close to Valentine's Day, we're going to focus on songs and melodies about love". A perfect treat for your Valentine.

Tony Roberts with the Ray d'Inverno Trio, Saturday, February 11th, By the Bay Restaurant, Lyme Regis. Customers must book a table in advance because of limited capacity. Tickets from www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk/jazz-jurassica/ or through Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138.

Scottish folk icons 'Join Forces' tour comes to Bridport this Saturday

SEPTEMBER 2016 saw the release of the seventh Southern Tenant Folk Union album '*Join Forces*'. It was written following the May 2015 general election result, and then recorded in June and July 2016 amidst a quickly changing political landscape, something that has made the suite of songs seem timelier still. The band's tour continues through spring, and comes to Bridport this Saturday, February 11th.

Musically the album harks back to the more roots and bluegrass sounding earlier albums and is divided into two main strands. Firstly there are some tracks which have a much poppier and melodic approach than in the past. Songs such as the dynamic opener 'To The War', the frantic Arthur Lee & Love influenced 'The Media Attack', Rory Butler's 'Carefully Does It' and the title track 'Join Forces'. Then, secondly, several songs deliberately take in more old-time bluegrass chord sequences and sounds. Tracks like Ash, a metaphor for political progress meeting the sci-fi eco movie Silent Running, and the uptempo bluegrass lament that is Our Revolution It Will One Day Come which concerns the slow nature of change. Plain Stanley Brothers style A cappella harmony vocals start off My Grandfather's Father before mixing in folk fiddle & percussion breakdowns and then there's the anthemic What Would You Give For A Leader With Soul?

Southern Tenant Folk Union play at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets are £12/£10. For more details and tickets call 01308 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com

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Jo Harman 7.30pm. £17/£15

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
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Sunday 12 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Cadenza 9.30pm

Saturday 18 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Bad Intention 9.30pm

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Truthseekers 9pm

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From 'The Choir' to the Pilot Boat!

Gareth Malone with the Longest Johns. *Picture: BBC*

IF YOU'VE been following The Choir on BBC with Gareth Malone, you will undoudtedly have noticed a bunch of bearded Bristolian blokes who rather stand out from the crowd.

Now the Longest Johns, fresh from their appearance on the popular TV show, are among the acts appearing next month at Lyme Folk Revisited, the annual fundraiser for the town's summer folk festival.

The one-off show will be held on Saturday, March 18th at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis, and features three acts from across the region.

The five-strong singing group, all in their twenties, bring a youthful vigour – and a touch of bawdy Bristolian humour – to their performances of traditional shanties and their own original material.

Joining them for the evening will be Saskia Griffiths-Moore, a young singer-songwriter really making name for herself on the folk circuit.

Saskia's unique voice, perfectly complemented by her highly accomplished guitar style, bring new life classic songs and her own brilliant compositions, and have already made her a popular performer in Lyme, with several appearances at the Marine Theatre and Lyme Folk Weekend. She is currently working on a much-anticipated second album.

Completing the evening are Mitchell & Vincent, a highly sought-after duo who have been among the most popular performers at Lyme Folk Weekend for the last four years. David Mitchell (guitar) and Graham Vincent (violin and vocals) play a stunning mix of high tempo tunes to get your toes tapping and beautifully soulful folk ballads to melt your heart.

A Lyme Folk organiser said: 'The annual Revisited show is becoming a traditional event for us, and we are delighted to welcome such amazing talent once again. All the performers are donating their time so all the proceeds from the show go to helping us put on the summer festival.

'We think this year's show will be right up there with the previous ones in terms of quality, and we are particularly thrilled to be holding the evening in the Pilot Boat, as we think an intimate but friendly setting will suit our performers perfectly.'

Tickets for the Lyme Folk Revisited fundraiser are £10, available online at www.lymefolk.com, from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (01297 442138) or from the Pilot Boat, 1 Bridge Street, Lyme Regis.

Saskia Griffiths-Moore

Critically acclaimed play about cricketer Colin Milburn comes to Lyme Regis

Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

FOLLOWING a sell-out tour in November 2016, Dougie Blaxland's critically acclaimed one man show *When The Eye Has Gone* is coming to The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis as part of a UK National tour on 8th and 15th March 2017. Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138.

When The Eye Has Gone tells the all too brief life of Colin "Ollie" Milburn - the cricketing legend who was one of England's most unlikely sporting heroes. Full of anecdotes, a thumping soundtrack and a large gin and coke, the story swings backwards and forwards through Milburn's life as he raises a glass to the triumphs, including his first Test Century against the West Indies at Lords in 1966 and the disasters, like losing his left eye in a car accident in 1969.

The extraordinary story of Colin Milburn has all the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy. In 1966 he became a household name, scoring a blistering century against the mighty West Indies in only his second test. He then caused a major sensation playing for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield smashing 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in an innings described by Don Bradman as "the greatest innings played by an Englishman on Australian soil". This was quickly followed by another glorious century for England against Pakistan in Lahore.

Just a few weeks later, on his triumphant return to England, he lost his left eye in a car crash in Northampton, an injury that effectively ended his career and life prospects. His subsequent decline into alcoholism ended with his death from a heart attack at the age of 48. Ian Botham was one of the pall bearers.

Originally commissioned by The Professional Cricketers' Association for Mind Matters, their mental health awareness programme, *When The Eye Has Gone* was written by the award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland, nom de plume of James Graham-Brown, a former Derbyshire and Kent all-rounder and directed by Roughhouse Theatre.

The part of Colin Milburn is played by GSA graduate Dan Gaisford. Dan has worked extensively in TV, film and theatre and his recent credits include Clybourne Park (Mercury Theatre Colchester), Kidnapped (Brassworks Theatre) and Henry Walker and the Wheel of Death (Roughhouse Theatre).

The show comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 and £12 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

What's it Worth?

The Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles comes to Bridport

ERIC Knowles takes centre stage with a two hour, one man show that retains the same winning format of meet and greet... but with a difference!

Audience members can bring along their heirlooms and treasures for on stage discussion but then, in the final part of the show, they will be able to see their objects brought to the screen, courtesy of a web type camera that will allow a more detailed view and appreciation in the valuation session.

Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge of the world of Antiques in a manner that is easily understood. With over Twenty years working on the BBC's flagship programme The Antiques Roadshow under his belt, Eric has become the friendly face of what for many years proved to be a business shrouded with no small element of mystery.

In What's it Worth?, the lad from Lancashire takes the wraps off a business in which he has been immersed for over 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to what are quite often irreverent anecdotal reminiscences, ably supported by excellent images.

The second part of the evening is devoted to the audience's 'treasures', twenty five of which have been selected by Eric during the initial meeting and greeting session and welcome party. Eric is keen to assure all those bringing heirlooms that he for one will be drinkvA witty and entertaining look at the world of Antiques with one of its best raconteurs.

A two or three course, home-cooked preshow supper is available before the show.

Eric Knowles brings his show 'What's it Worth' to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and £14, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204

Join The Rebellion!

Marine Theatre Launches 'Monmouth' Community Play this Thursday

THE MARINE THEATRE in Lyme Regis is holding a launch event in preparation for their highly anticipated July 2017 community play *'Monmouth'*, about the Monmouth Rebellion, this Thursday, February 9th.

Based on this poignant piece of Lyme history the play will tell the story of the attempt by James Scott, 1st Duke of Monmouth to overthrow the King of England James 2nd. The events that transpired became known as the last battle on English soil.

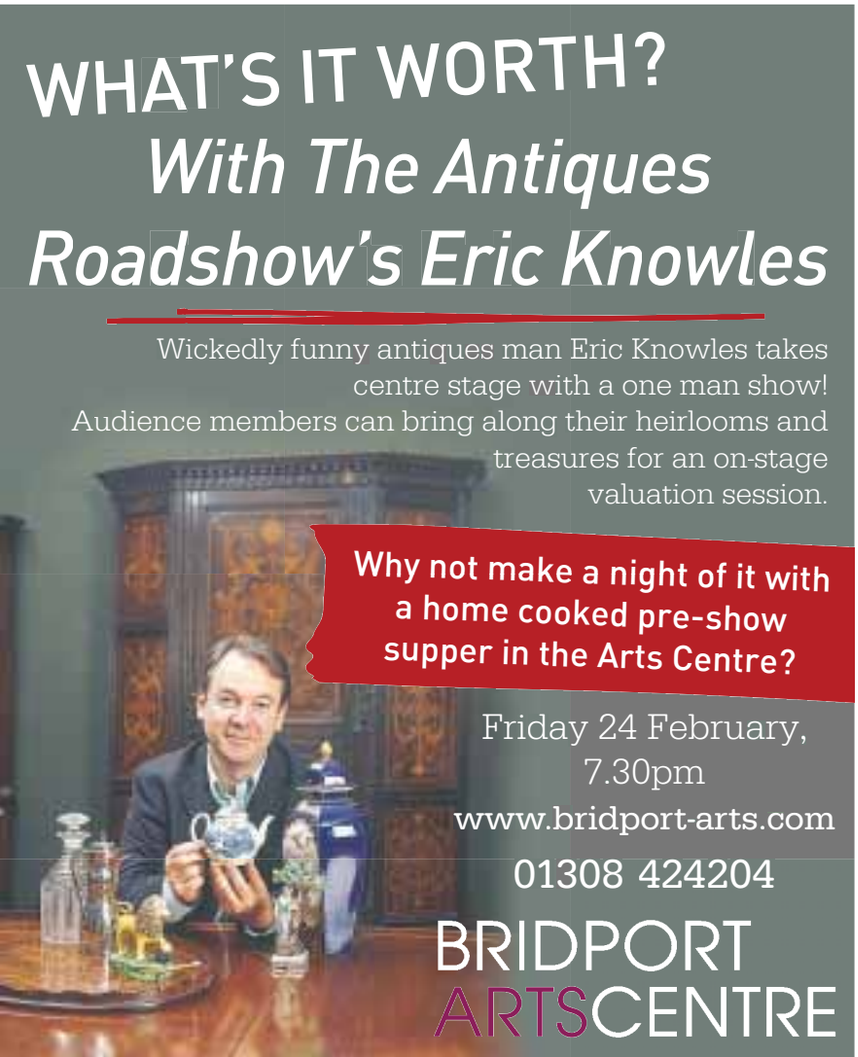
The launch night kicks off from 6pm with a talk by Chris Copson of The Keep Military Museum, whose presentation 'The Journey To Sedgemoor' will shed light on the bloody events that unraveled in 1685.

Then at 7pm there will be a special preview reading of the new play written by local writer Andrew Rattenbury, the pen behind last summer's award-winning *'The Tempest of Lyme'*. The reading will be performed by some of last year's cast members.

All are welcome to the launch event, whether interested in local history or keen to take part in the community play. This will be a great opportunity for local actors, musicians, singers and people interested to help backstage to hear the play, give their feedback and sign up to be involved in the production.

The Theatre Bar will be open from 6pm and the event is free with a suggested donation of £5 per person to go towards essential funds for the community play.

To register to be involved in this year's community play email officeassistant@marinetheatre.com



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The restaurant has recently undergone an extensive re-fit and looks fantastic. Sue's celebrated artist daughter Julie provides many of the restaurant's decorations in the form of her subtly coloured, sensitive, imaginative paintings, which compliment the new décor wonderfully.

For all those celebrating Valentines on Tuesday, February 14th, a number of specials specifically created for Valentines will be available to tantalise those taste buds! Take a look at the menu on the opposite page and be sure to get a table booked while there is still some availability.

Their team of very experienced chefs have created a mouth-watering menu for the new season. Head chef Darrol has been in the Harbour Inn kitchen for 9 years and still continues to cook fantastic food, assisted by Ben.

The evening menu is available seven nights a week with the restaurant having previously closed on a Sunday night during the winter, but that is no longer the case. What better way to round off your weekend than sampling the fantastic local food on offer at The Harbour Inn? The new full evening and lunch menus can be seen on the page opposite.

The Harbour Inn remains popular with both locals and visitors alike. Sunday Lunch has always been a favourite, with locally reared Roast Beef served with all the trimmings available for just £11. The specials board is always full of fresh, local fish dishes, all of which can be enjoyed on the beached area with those first class views in the warmer months.

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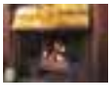

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Little Hot Crust Game Pie local game in a red wine smoked bacon sauce **£6.80**
Fried Smoked Haddock Fish Cake panko crumb served with a smooth chowder dressing, caper and egg salad **£7.20**
Garlic Roasted Spinach and Rocket Cannelloni baked in a Devon Oke cheese sauce **£7.20**
Garlic Bread £3.50
Cheesy Garlic Bread £4.80
Mixed olive bowl £3.80

Main Courses

Harbour Inn Fish Pie Local fish with salmon, smoked haddock and prawns, in a creamy sauce. Served with salad **£14.50**
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Slow Roasted Shoulder of Dorset Lamb topped with root vegetable mash served with port, red current jelly and mint gravy **£17**
Vegetarian dish of the day £14.40

Sides

Chips, salad, vegetables of the day, £3.50
Basket of bread £2.50

Valentine's Menu

To Start..

Cream of Asparagus Soup with smoke artichoke puree & asparagus powder
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Porcini mushroom and Parmesan Ravioli Wild mushroom, cream sauce

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Glorilla!

French actress Gloria Delaneuf brings new show to Dorset

Gloria Delaneuf in Glorilla!

FOLLOWING on from their award-winning debut show 'Gloriator', 'Glorilla' is the hilarious new show from French and English comedy duo Spitz & Co.

Kerry Bartlett, Artsreach Co-Director said "We've heard brilliant things about this emerging new company from other counties, and can't wait to present this brand new show to audiences across Dorset. With the support of local solicitors Blanchards Bailey, we are delighted to be presenting three nights of Glorilla in rural Dorset."

Acclaimed French actress and international animal communicator, Gloria Delaneuf returns to the UK to talk about her life-changing experience with the gorillas of the Kungalunga Jungle. Assisted by her UK tour manager Josephine Cunningham, she is determined to show that man and gorilla can live "sans frontieres".

Part lecture, dramatic-reconstruction and live-demonstration, expect an evening of unrivalled physical comedy that will stay with you forever! Suitable for ages 13+

Glorilla! will be performed at West Stafford Village Hall on Saturday, February 11th at 7.30pm. For more details or to book visit www.artsreach.co.uk or call 01305 265282.

Imaginative Family Theatre for Half Term

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? A little piece of mischief only you could see? Join PaddleBoat Theatre this half term as they bring their delightful production 'Margot & Mr Whatsit' to Dorset through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Sophia's imaginary friend is called Mr. Whatsit, and he's always there with a new joke to tell and a new game to play - that is, until the day she unimagines him. Now there's a new imaginary friend in town - the tea-drinking, lipstick-wearing, ever-confident Margo. Can Mr. Whatsit's childish playfulness keep him from being unimagined forever? And as Sophia's imagination goes to war, will she manage to find peace in her new home?

Born from the vibrant city of Exeter, PaddleBoat Theatre are committed to delivering high-quality productions for children and families across the South-West.

PaddleBoat Theatre Company present a lively and imaginative tale full of mime, puppetry, music, clowning and object play and invite you to enter Sophia's world, where the real and the imaginary collide and friends are never far away. Suitable 4+

The show comes to Cerne Abbas Village Hall on Saturday, February 18th at 11am - for more details call 01300 341332. The show will then head to Winfrith Village Hall on Saturday, February 18th at 4pm - 01305 852117.

More big names announced for Camp Bestival 2017

Anne-Marie, Reverend and the Makers, The Skints and more added to the bill

Anne-Marie

FIRING UP your imagination and getting creative is a big part of the Camp Bestival experience. From dressing up as Pop Stars and Rock Stars; getting your glitter on in Art Town and woodworking in Spinney Hollow; to awesomely entertaining circus acrobats, wondrous theatre shows and the simple joys of cavorting with your nearest and dearest, the possibilities for creative play will be everywhere in the tenth anniversary festi-holiday wonderland. So, delve into the innovative and inspirational and get creative and be free! And once your inner-artist is content, grab your dancing shoes and join us for record breaking disco ball action, lots more DJ love and fantastic live music with some proper pop stars too, from July 27-30th at Lulworth Castle.

Rob da Bank, Camp Bestival curator says: "The Camp Bestival story continues to hot up with Anne-Marie and Reverend and the Makers joining the party. We are also hiring a ruddy huge crane to bring you the World's Largest Disco Ball, and not just with any old DJs, but with a stellar cast of late night party starters from Sara Cox and the Inspiral Carpets' Clint Boon to our mate Bez and a brand-new teen night too... see you at the castle".

He's the king of kids' TV when it comes to things to make and do, so organisers are super-excited to announce that Mister Maker will be making his debut at this year's Camp Bestival. A well-spring of inventiveness and a master of colour and shapes, Mister Maker is a sure-fire source of inspiration when it comes to creative play and we can wait to see him.

The Bear & the Piano will also be live in the Dingly Dell. Winner of 2016's Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Best Illustrated Book, don't miss this series of magical storytelling sessions, craft and musical workshops based on David Litchfield's beautiful story of friendship.

There'll also be jaw-dropping spectacles including the amorous automaton, The Love Bot, the return of the World's Biggest Bouncy Castle and the Bestival Inflatable Church & Wedding Disco. And there will be craftsmanship and wood carving galore in Spinney Hollow, bugtastic acrobatics as The Insect Circus presents the Greatest Show on Earth, and the ramshackle wonders of Caravanserai.

Reverend and the Makers

You'll be able to build your magnum opus and design the ultimate glam get up when you get involved with Art Town: Pop Stars & Rock Stars Creations. And you can marvel at Marawa's Majorettes and join in off-the-wall fun and games with the Bestival Bluecoats. With so much more to explore throughout the weekend make sure you join in with all the creativity.

As part of the tenth anniversary celebrations, Camp Bestival organisers are thrilled that one of their biggest and best ever record-breaking creations, The World's Largest Disco Ball, will be coming to Camp Bestival. But that's not all, there'll be uninhibited entertainment at a brand new dance destination bathed in the mirrored globe's glittering light with a series of ace Big Discos.

The Skints

So, don't miss the daily Kids' Disco every evening, with Rob da Bank & friends getting the tots rocking. And there will be some proper late night disco action for mums and dads too.

Friday night's Big Disco action will come courtesy of Sara Cox presents Just Can't Get Enough 80s with a luxuriance of big-haired dancefloor gems, and Inspiral Carpets' Clint Boon with his Big Boonarmy Bash playing hits from the cream of the indie scene. Saturday will see misunderstood broadcasting genius Barry Peters (AKA The Cuban Brothers' main man Miguel) taking yacht rock to improbable new heights with Halifax Hospital Radio Live, while Sunday's refulgent rave-up will have us throwing shapes to Happy Monday's legend Bez and his Indie Disco to Hacienda House Set. And making sure there's dancefloor action for everyone, there'll also be a Teen Big Disco Party – featuring grime, hip-hop, rock and pop with some special guest DJs.

Upping Camp Bestival's tenth anniversary dance game big time, there'll also be booty shaking sets from Eats Everything who will be going on an old skool tip, bass-led grooves from Shadow Child and Greco Roman Soundsystem, while hardcore behaviour is to be expected from Raindance who will be winding up the whistle posse with Altern-8, Daniel Billy Bunter, Shades of Rhythm, DJ Faydz, Liquid, Rachel Wallace and 2 Bad Mice. Plus, we'll have hip-swinging manoeuvres from Lady Jane Bongo, Jim8track, DJ Dapper Dan and Dr DJ & Bollywood Dancers.

She's queen of the charts having just spent nine weeks on the top spot with 'Rockabye' her collaboration with Clean Bandit, so we are over the moon to reveal that Anne-Marie will be helping us to celebrate Camp Bestival's tenth anniversary! An undeniable superstar, Anne Marie has a history of blowing crowds away whenever she plays, so hold on to your hats when she hits the Castle stage for what will be an unmissable set of sublime pop music! And ensuring there's plenty more live music across the weekend there will also be performances from Sheffield quintet Reverend and The Makers, sea shanty super stars Skinny Lister, tastemakers' top pick Louis Berry, Brit-reggae quartet The Skints, The Voice star Laura Oakes, exotic psychedelia from Flamingods, the veritable heart and soul of the 80s T'Pau and Liverpool's finest The Christians.

From artistry and imagination to rocking out and cutting loose, they've got it all at Camp Bestival in 2017.

Keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

A little theatre overdose before travelling to Oz

■ LADY IN RED: Amy Wheatley in Little Red Riding Hood in Bridport

I THINK I've done it. My theatre addiction has finally gotten the better of me and I overdosed this week.

Six shows in four days, plus four interviews with the stars of the West End has left me with some worrying symptoms, including an inexplicable need to stand and applaud whenever someone does anything even remotely merit worthy as well as an innate moth like attraction to bright lights.

I've also started to randomly break into song whenever someone says anything that even remotely resembles a song lyric - although I think that's an affliction I've harboured for a while - and I've started using any slightly solid flooring area to practice tap dancing and moonwalking.

It has been a fantastic week however, filled with a variety of shows from plays to pantomimes and obviously, the obligatory sprinkling of musical theatre mixed in to make the dreary weather and tumultuous political climate fade into the background.

After a busy day in the Lyme Regis office, I had a tricky trip up to capital with the trains not playing ball- but eventually managed to get myself along to the Adelphi Theatre for my seventh helping of the joyful *Kinky Boots*, along with my friend, fellow theatrical devotee and blogger, West End Wilma.

This is still one of the best musicals in London in my opinion; so uplifting and filled with much needed themes of acceptance. With music by Cyndi Lauper the multi award winning show never fails to leave me beaming and is a definite recommendation.

Then I went to see Oscar winner, Mark Rylance in *Nice Fish* at The Harold Pinter Theatre. I couldn't tell you what it was about, because I have no idea. I'm sure the more clever critics will be able to give a deep meaning to it, but I spent much of the performance feeling as if I was in a parallel universe.

Luckily the day was saved by my visit to the Lyric Hammersmith to see a new musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*. With some lovely music and lots of adult naughtiness cleverly woven in, I had a whale of a time. This is a show for the whole family, which will tour the UK after its London run and is well worth a visit.

With my head filled and frazzled, my next theatre excursion may not have been such a good idea, but having never experienced *Stomp* before, I decided to pop along and see just how a show which involves banging bin lids together has managed to entertain audiences in the West End for over 25 years.

I found the blend of clowning and percussive dance surprisingly entertaining, although the omission of dialogue and music does make it lack purpose.

It was then time for some free food and fun at the Faulty Towers interactive dining experience. I learned quite early on in my career that eating in the capital is expensive, so I try my best to blag free food at every possible opportunity.

Sadly the cuisine on offer from Basil, Sybil and Manuel was mediocre, however it was a hugely entertaining evening.

The Faulty Towers Dining Experience will visit Exeter's Northcott Theatre later this year.

I then polished off my theatrical marathon by heading over to Bridport to see their pantomime version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. With an abundance of youthful exuberance and some hugely engaging portrayals, it was a great way to end the week.

Next week I'm off to the other side of the world, hopefully for a bit of sunshine. The Aussie's aren't quite so keen on their theatre, but I have managed to find a couple of shows to stave off my theatrical cold turkey.

I'm going to watch Disney's musical version of *Aladdin*, which I saw in the West End last year and a critically acclaimed play called the Testament of Mary, which is fulfilling a limited run at the Sydney Opera house.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

■ FOXY FUN: Greg Barnett and Richard Atwill in Fantastic Mr Fox

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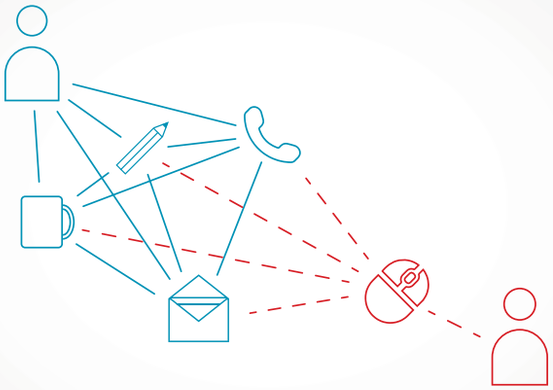

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WHILE Christian wrestles with his inner demons, Anastasia must confront the anger and envy of the women who came before her.

Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan and Eric Johnson.

FENCES [12A]
A WORKING-CLASS African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life.

Stars Denzel Washinton, Viola Davis and Stephen Henderson.

THE SPACE BETWEEN US [PG]
THE first human born on Mars travels to Earth for the first time, experiencing the wonders of the planet through fresh eyes. He embarks on an adventure with a street smart girl to discover how he came to be.

Stars Gary Oldman, Asa Butterfield and Carla Gugino.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Feb 8th - Thu, Feb 16th

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Fifty Shades Darker [18]
Daily: 14.30, 17.00, 20.30
Lion [PG]
Daily: 20.15
Manchester By The Sea [15]
Daily: 17.30
Moana 2D [UPG]
Daily: 11.30am
Sing 2D [U]
Fri: 11.00, 14.00
Sat, Mon-Thu: 11.15, 14.15
Sun: 11.15, 13.45
T2: Trainspotting [18]
Daily: 20.00
The Space Between Us [PG]
Fri: 11.15, 14.15, 17.15
Sat: 10.45, 13.45, 16.45
Sun: 10.45, 16.45
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Fifty Shades Darker [18]
Fri-Sat: 15.15, 18.15, 19.30, 20.30, 21.15, 22.15
Sun-Wed: 15.15, 18.15, 20.30, 21.15
Thu: 15.15, 18.15, 21.15
La La Land [12A]
Fri: 13.30, Sun-Wed: 20.10,
Thu: 20.30
Sing 2D [U]
Fri: 16.30
Sat: 11.15, 13.45, 16.30
Sun-Wed: 11.45, 14.30
Thu: 10.50, 13.20, 16.00
The Lego Batman Movie [U]
Daily: 12.30, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00 plus Sat, Sun & Wed: 10.30am
Trolls [U]
Sat-Thu: 10.00am

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Fifty Shades Darker [18]
Fri-Sat: 11.30, 14.30, 16.30, 17.30, 18.10, 19.00, 19.30, 19.45, 20.00, 20.30, 21.45
Sun, Tue-Wed: 11.30, 14.30, 16.30, 17.30, 18.10, 19.00, 19.30, 19.45, 20.00, 20.30
Mon: 11.30, 14.30, 16.30, 17.30, 18.10, 19.00, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30
Thu: 11.30, 14.30, 16.30, 17.30, 18.00, 19.00, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30
John Wick: Chapter 2 [15]
Tue: 17.10, 21.10
La La Land [12A]
Fri-Wed: 14.10, Thu: 13.20
Lion [PG]
Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 20.15
Moana [PG]
Fri-Wed: 11.20am, Thu: 10.40am
Rings [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 17.10
Sing 2D [U]
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 10.50, 11.40, 12.40, 14.20, 15.20, 16.10, 17.00
Sat: 10.50, 11.40, 12.40, 13.30, 14.20, 15.20, 16.10, 17.00
Sun: 11.40, 12.40, 13.30, 14.20, 15.20, 16.10, 17.00
Tue: 10.50, 11.40, 12.40, 14.20, 15.20, 16.10, 17.00
Split [15]
Fri, Tue, Thu: 13.30
T2: Trainspotting [18]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 21.00
The Great Wall [12A]
Thu: 20.50
The Lego Batman Movie 2D [U]
Daily: 10.20, 11.10, 13.00, 13.50, 14.45, 15.40, 18.15, 20.45
The Lego Batman Movie 3D [U]
Daily: 12.10, 17.20
The Space Between Us [PG]
Daily: 11.10, 14.00, 16.50, 19.40
Trolls [U]
Daily: 10.00am

Something Better

FOLLOWING the international sell-out success of her previous show '*Cara Josephine*' across the UK, Europe, in Australia and New York, the star of BBC Radio 4's Romance and Adventure, All of the Planet's Wonders and presenter of Short Cuts tours her eighth solo stand-up show nationwide in 2017.

Josie's 34. She thought by now that she would have children, and be in love, and have a country that didn't vote with the far right parties to march us all off a cliff. And that she would be able to do all the awesome stuff that activists do. She thought we would have won by now. Oh, and she wanted to be taller and better looking.

This is a show about optimism and hopefulness, about looking for people and finding things to look up to. It's about wanting more from life than it might be up for giving out. It's about struggling with realising what you are, who you are and what you can't change about yourself, and about really feeling like an outsider for the first time. It's a bit about having faith in younger people, and friendship, and activism, and solidarity. Actually, she's been busy interviewing activists about what they do and why, so it's also about politics and making things happen. And there's probably a bit where she pretends to be a push-button shower, so it should be silly and fun too, with a few exciting bits in it.

Josie Long brings 'Something Better' to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (full) and £13 (concessions). For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138

Free goodies at a farmers' market near you

FEBRUARY has the perfect reason (if you needed one!)to buy some delicious local food and drink to show the special person in your life that you love them. Also during February, producers at our farmers markets around the County will have extra tasters for you to 'taste before you buy' with the chance to chat to the stallholder to discover how their products were made, reared, caught or grown or just the best way to cook them - they are all passionate about what they do and full of knowledge and enthusiasm - you don't get that at your local supermarket!

During February we are also offering a FREE Dorset Farmers Market bag for life if you make a purchase at three or more stalls at one of our markets and the Dorset Coffee Co. will be giving away FREE coffee to raise funds for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club competition. "Water" judged by Tim Booth. 7.30pm Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.
DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema presents 'The Aristocats' and the Wallace and Gromit favourite 'A Grand Day Out'. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits will be served during the showing for just £1.50, ice creams will also be available. Everyone welcome to Age UK Dorchester's centre in Prince of Wales Road, a great afternoon of animated fun on the big screen entertainment. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Speakers on a range of topics, followed by refreshments and time to talk to friends and make new ones. Held on the second Thursday of most months. The February meeting presentation will be by Martin Stephen of the National Trust, who will show pictures of Max Gate, Hardy's Cottage and Clouds Hill, all local properties. Start at 2.15pm and the charge is £1, which includes a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.
DORCHESTER: 'Red Hot Chillis & Cool Veg' talk by Joy Michaud of Sea Spring Farm. At the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £2.50, students £1 at the door.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH - WEDS MARCH 1ST

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU
LYME REGIS: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Horseshoes competition selection. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning. 10.00am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members. Members and non-members all welcome. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Seed Swap, 10am-12noon. At Ropemakers Inn, West St. Join this informal and jolly gathering of local gardeners and swap your surplus seeds for some other seedy gems and surprises. There are always plenty, so feel free to simply come and take some for a donation to charity if you don't have any surplus. For more info call Eileen on 01308 421678

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk
BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'Bridget Jones's Baby' in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715. Weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEYMOUTH: The next meeting of the Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society will be held at the Southill Community Centre at 7.30pm. The invited speaker comes from the Gardens Group and will presenting on the subject of "From Grower to Garden Centre". Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - SATURDAY 18TH

BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Emily Morris on 'The Donkey Sanctuary'.
PORTLAND: Open Day at The Islanders Club for Young People, East Weare Road, Verne Common, Portland DT5 1ES from 11 to 2pm. All are welcome to come and see what's on offer, both for young people and for the wider community. All facilities, including activity room, sports hall, meeting room, tv lounge and kitchen will be open for inspection and are available for hire. The club is also looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out come and have a look.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker Simon Emmett, local photographer. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
SUTTON POYNTZ, WEYMOUTH: Stephen Fearing in concert at Mission Hall, 8pm. Tickets £13 available by calling 01305 837299.
SOUTH PERROTT: Family Bingo at South Perrott Village Hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.
CHICKERELL: Anything Accordion evening at Victoria Inn, 7pm. A get together for Accordion enthusiasts to chat or play, listen or socialise, bring their own instrument or try one of the eight in my private collection. Call Clive wheeler for info, 07758134593.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

WEYMOUTH: Talk by John Smith on the Channel Dash 1942, at Weymouth Library 10.30am. For more details call 01305 832613. Reserve a place at the library desk, payment on booking preferred. Details on FOWL membership available from The Secretary or on noticeboard in the library
BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'The Girl on the Train' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071. Organised by Bothenhamptn Village Hall Committee.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Haddon House in West Bay.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

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And propose to carry on the following activities:- Sale of alcohol

Applications are available for public inspection at West Dorset District Council or on www.dorsetforyou.com

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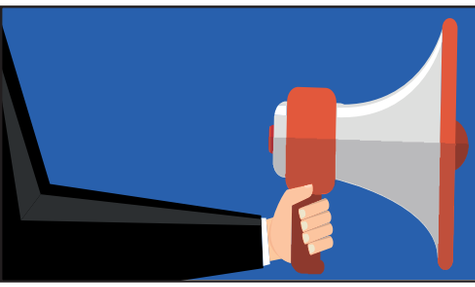

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Chippenham Town	32	66
Merthyr Town	33	65
Hitchin Town	31	64
Leamington	31	62
Slough Town	30	58
Banbury Utd	33	57
Frome Town	32	54
Chesham Utd	28	52
Kettering Town	32	52
Biggleswade Town	31	48
WEYMOUTH	31	44
St Ives Town	33	44
Redditch Utd	34	43
Dunstable Town	31	42
King's Lynn Town	32	41
Basingstoke Town	32	41
Stratford Town	33	35
Kings Langley	33	33
DORCHESTER TOWN	32	32
Cirencester Town	33	27
Cambridge City	32	26
St Neots Town	31	25
Hayes & Yeading Town	29	23
Cinderford Town	29	11

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	30	70
Blackfield & Langley	29	60
PORTLAND UTD	28	59
Sholing	28	55
AFC Portchester	29	50
Team Solent	25	46
Alresford Town	25	43
Brockenhurst	28	42
Horndean	25	40
Newport IoW	28	39
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	25	37
Andover Town	28	35
Lymington Town	28	35
Amesbury Town	29	35
Bashley	28	33
Hamworthy Utd	31	32
Fareham Town	28	27
Bournemouth	29	27
Cowes Sports	28	25
Fawley	32	25
Whitchurch Utd	28	24
Verwood Town	29	21

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BALTI SPORTS	23	58
Holt Utd	19	49
Swanage & Herston	21	42
Westland Sports	21	39
Hamworthy Recreation	21	39*
DORCHESTER SPORTS	20	38
Gillingham Town Res	20	34
Parley Sports	18	32
Merley Cobham Sports	15	30
Blandford Utd	21	27
BRIDPORT RESERVES	22	24
Sturminster Newton Utd	21	23
Wareham Rangers	18	18
Mere Town	21	17
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	23	14
Sherborne Town Reserves	21	9
Cranborne	21	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	15	35
Milborne Port	17	31
DORCHESTER SP RES	12	30
Allendale	16	30
Shaftesbury Town Res	9	22
CHICKERELL UTD	15	20
PORTLAND UTD RES	16	20
Wincanton Town Res	13	19
Corfe Mullen Utd	15	19
Poole Borough	17	19
Piddletrenthide Utd	13	13*
Boscombe Polonia	12	10
Blandford Utd Res	15	9
Westlands Sports Res	11	1

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
Broadstone	16	32
Mere Town Reserves	13	29
Corfe Castle	14	29
AFC Blandford	13	27
Canford Utd	16	27
Wareham Rangers Res	11	23
Tisbury	13	22
Wool & Winfrith	16	20
BALTI SPORTS RES	15	15
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	14	13*
Parley Sports Res	14	13
WEYMOUTH A	15	12
Swanage & Herston Res	11	11
PORTLAND TOWN	11	1

Dorset League Div 2 (20)	Pld	Pts
Allendale Reserves	13	33
Piddlehinton Utd	14	32
Broadmayne	14	25
Maiden Newton & Catt	12	22
Owermoigne	14	19
PORTESHAM UTD	14	18
Stalbridge	9	16
Sturm Newton Utd Res	12	16
Broadstone Res	14	8
CHICKERELL UTD RES	13	8
Milborne Port Res	12	8

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	17	46
Okeford Utd	16	35
Allendale A	18	32
AFC Blandford Res	17	23
South Cheriton Utd	14	22
Marnhull	16	22
Handley Sports	13	20
Pimperne Sports Society	18	18
Donhead Utd	15	17
PORTLAND TOWN A	18	17
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	16	14
Wool & Winfrith Res	14	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	16	38
CHICKERELL UTD A	14	29
Corfe Castle Res	14	28
BRIDPORT A	11	26
PORTLAND TOWN B	16	26
Lytchett & Upton RT	15	20
PORTESHAM UTD RES	17	19
Marnhull Res	13	15*
Shillingstone	15	14
Wincanton Town A	12	8*
Crossways Spitfires	16	7
Wool & Winfrith A	11	6*

Dorset Football

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Martyrs too strong for Magpies

Dorchester Town 1
Merthyr Town 2
Evo-Stik South Prem – att; 469

A SENSATIONAL start that saw Ben Wood give Dorchester Town the lead in under 15 seconds was not enough to kick start the Magpies and new manager Craig Laird's fortunes at The Avenue on Saturday, as visitors Merthyr Town hit back to equalise five minutes later, and then scored what proved the winner after just 18 minutes of a frenetic first half.

Laird included new loan signing Jordan Williams from Weston-super-Mare, and Ollie Bassett who was returning for a second loan period from Yeovil Town. John Vance was given his first start after making his debut as a substitute the previous week, whilst another new face Ollie Griggs was on the bench.

The Martyrs, managed by former Yeovil legend Gavin Williams, were looking to consolidate second spot in the Evo-Stik South Premier, a point behind Chippenham Town who had beaten the Magpies 4-0 the previous week.

Dorchester looking for their first win in eight matches got the best start they could have wanted when Wood dispossessed Curtis McDonald as he dwelt on the ball, and ran on to confidently stroke the ball past the advancing Oliver Davies in the Merthyr goal.

The Martyrs looked to hit back immediately and they got the equaliser on six minutes when Scott Barrow's long corner found Ryan Prosser free to head just inside the far post.

The big striker might have scored again two minutes later when he found himself once again alone eight yards from goal, but Matt Oldring reacted brilliantly to block his shot.

As expected the Martyrs, who are the second highest scorers in the league looked to attack, but so did Dorchester despite their lack of firepower this season, and both sides created a number of opportunities.

It was from one of the Magpies attacks that saw the visitors take the lead in the 18th minute.

When David Gerrard's shot was deflected into the path of Woods whose goalbound effort was booted off the line by Barrow.

Ian Traylor, who proved a source of several scares for the home defence throughout the game, collected the ball on the halfway line before beating Oldring and releasing Eliot Richards beyond the Magpies defence.

He drew and rounded keeper Shane Murphy and just managed to cut the ball back inside the near post as a recovering Oldring closed in to challenge.

New signing Williams was making an impression down the left on his debut for Dorchester, and caused full back Adam Davies a number of problems, whilst the robust Prosser and Walker provided a good contest, although it looked like the Merthyr striker clearly pushed the Magpies captain in the back before blazing a close range volley over the bar.

There was an unsavoury incident on the half hour when Richards went to ground in the box following a challenge from Walker, but referee Phillip Eddie was close by and immediately cautioned Richards for simulation.

Following some words between the two players it appeared that Richards struck Walker with his hand or shoulder high up on the chest, but Eddie unexpectedly only spoke to him rather than producing a red card.

Two minutes later he was replaced by Jarrad Wright.

Merthyr started to increase the pressure but failed to create anything as on the home defence held firm and it was Dorchester that went closest when after good interplay with Williams, Woods angled drive was well held by the keeper.

The second half was a much more sedate affair, as the heavy pitch, by now starting to cut up, started to take its toll resulting in tired legs and misplaced passes.

Opportunities on goal were sporadic. Just before the hour Gerrard's effort from 30 yards was too high, before Traylor intercepted a pass and surged forward beating two players, but then fired wide.

Adam Davies who was lucky to only receive a yellow when he was late on Bassett, then volleyed wide after a throw-in dropped to him.

With Dorchester looking less likely to break down the second meanest defence in the league, Laird made a triple substitution, sending on the youthful trio of Tom Blair, Griggs and Billy Mitchell.

Blair almost made an immediate impact when he picked up a rebound and surged forward into the box. Unfortunately his left foot angled shot just cleared the far angle of the goalframe.

However, Merthyr confidently saw out the game to keep the pressure on Cirencester at the top, whilst Dorchester will reflect on a better performance but be aware they need to start gaining points to avoid a relegation battle.

Off-key Blues dig in

Portland United 3 Bashley 1

Sydenhams Wessex Premier-PORTLAND United dug in to keep their winning run going against a dogged Bashley side that caused them more problems than most this season.

The Blues, infront of a healthy crowd of 222 boosted by a sizeable travelling contingent, found it hard to adapt to the Bash's set-up and as a consequence were caught between playing their natural game and a fear of over committing themselves, and as a result it became a game of chess with nether side totally committed to attack.

◆ **TOP MAN:** Lewis Whyton receives the Man-of-the-Match award from Portland United Club Secretary Randle Gates after Saturday's 3-1 win over Bashley.
Photo via twitter/@portlandUnited

Assistant manager Mark Carter said: "It wasn't a vintage performance. They set up to make the pitch very big using their full backs in an attacking mode, and we found it difficult to adapt to, and as a result the game became quite stagnant in the middle third. It was more a spoiling tactic that worked as we became sloppy in our first touch and passing.

"As well as trying to play their own game, I think our players were mindful of not being punished.

"However, apart from a couple of excellent saves from Jordan Mullis in the second half they never really threatened us.

"The players also had to contend with a wind that became gusty at times which played its part in the result."

The opening 20 minutes were fairly even with Portland shading possession, and they opened the scoring with a goal in which the wind played its part.

The visiting keeper, reacting to Alex Halloran's inswinging corner which caught on the wind, was impeded by his own defender and the ball sailed over his head and directly into the net.

Soon after, a great first touch from MOM Lewis Clarke saw him clear of the Bash defence but the keeper spread himself and saved well with his outstretched foot.

Portland made a great start to the second half scoring after five minutes when Ross Doidge found Clarke who turned his marker and played in Alex Godfrey who calmly finished from the edge of the box.

Bashley reacted with their only dangerous assault on the home goal with Mullis having to first get down to to palm away a long range effort before again getting down low, this time to pull off a great one handed save from a header.

After another period of neutrality, Bashley pulled a goal back ten minutes from time with another wind affected goal.

The visitors broke away and a long cross appeared to be drifting well over Mullis' crossbar on a gust of wind. However the wind suddenly abated and the ball dropped over the keeper's head and into the net.

However, Jamie Beasley, back after suspension and on as a substitute, made the game safe for the Blues almost immediately when Ryan McKechnie found the winger who sidestepped his marker and fired his shot across the keeper into the far corner.

This Saturday Portland travel to eight placed Brockenhurst as they look to consolidate their third spot.

DORSET PREMIER

ONLY two games survived the recent wet weather.

Mere Town beat visitors Sturminster Newton 2-1, whilst in the late game played on Hamworthy United Reserves artificial pitch, it was their visitors, Gillingham Town Reserves who came away with the points after a 1-0 win.

Current top scorers;
23 - Dan Andrews (Balti Sports).
20 – Graham Rose (Swanage).
19 – Josh Hunter (Bridport Res).
19 – Nathan Saxby (Holt Utd).
18 – Ricki Lane (Balti Sports).

DORSET LEAGUE

Senior Division

ONLY three games were played in the Senior League on Saturday due to waterlogged pitches. Witchampton thrashed hosts Piddletrenthide Utd 8-0. Allendale also won on their travels 4-3 at Blandford Utd Reserves thanks to goals from George Kniff (2), Lorne Cooper-Blaney and an OG. Paul Ford (2) and Simon Hide netted for Blandford.

Meanwhile, Mick Mitchell and Luke Scoble scored for Poole Borough as they won 2-1 at home to PORTLAND UTD RESERVES with substitute Jordan Moore on target for the visitors.

Division One

BROADSTONE and Corfe Castle played out a nine-goal thriller with Broadstone taking all three points courtesy of strikes from Mike Todd (2), Martyn Bennett, Dan Dwyer and Ciaran J Miller.

Ryan Catano, Courtney Johnson, Bobby McCuish and Charlie March replied for Corfe.

Elsewhere, a Rob Maxted goal couldn't save PORTLAND UNITED YOUTH in a 2-1 defeat against visitors Tisbury.

Division Three

STURMINSTER Marshall extended their lead at the top winning 4-0 with goals from J.Wood (2), A.Clarke and R.Davies against visitors Allendale A.

Handley Sports Society had few problems in beating hosts Pimperne 7-1 with goals from Jack Leonard (2), Darren Munday (2), Adam Day, Ben Edmunds and George Gibbs.

Meanwhile, Dave Atkins and Luke SAtkins netted for PORTLAND TOWN A in a 4-2 reverse at Marnhull.

Division Four

A GLENN Morgan hat trick and one for Nigel Cowler were enough for Lytchett & Upton Red Triangle to beat defeat leaders Swanage RBL 4-2.

PORTLAND TOWN B and PORTESHAM UTD RESERVES shared the points as they drew 4-4. John Cameron (2), Ryan Langdon and Matt Brown scored for Portland.

Finally, Wool & Winfrith beat Marnhull Reserves 5-3 with goals from Dan Pitman (2), Dave Lynch, Jim Windcott and Matt Light.

Rugby

Seasiders back to winning ways

BOURNEMOUTH 3RD XV 5
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND 30
D&W Div One (S)

WEYMOUTH & Portland finally got back to winning ways with their first Dorset & Wilts Division One South victory since the end of November.

Following five wins, they them suffered four losses, and finally broke the spell with the win which sees them leapfrog hosts Bournemouth into fifth place.

However, it didn't look too good at the start. With three players delayed en route near Dorchester, they kicked off with the bare 15 and no replacements.

The cavalry finally arrived and the Seasiders powered to victory with Bryn Llewellyn, JT Moncher, Carl Neal and James Davis all scoring tries and Ryan Lewendon adding two penalties to two conversions.

First team manager Vaughan Carter said after the game: "To be honest when we kicked off with 15 players and no replacements I thought here we go again; a scratch side out and another defeat; but how wrong I was.

"The lads produced some of the best rugby we have played all season. Former Wimbledon prop Ben Davis made his debut for us, and now I think we have found another leader in the pack.

"Also 18-year-old James Davis started at hooker, then moved to scrum half when the latecomers arrived and he performed exceptionally well in both positions.

"Considering the situation we found ourselves in, the team gelled from the kick off and we controlled the game for most of the 80 minutes.

"So now I hope we have turned the corner and can tally up some more wins and more league points."

Dorset & Wilts Div 1(S)	Pld	Pts
Yeovil	14	70
Wimborne II	14	58
Salisbury II	14	57
DORCHESTER	14	45
WEYM'TH & PORTLAND	14	36
Bournemouth III	14	35
Oakmeadians	14	32
Lytchett Minster	14	31
Swanage & W II	14	20
North Dorset II	14	17
East Dorset	14	-1
Sherborne II	14	-13

Yeovil Town news

Way loads up

YEOVIL Town manager Darren Way topped up his squad by swooping for three players on transfer deadline night as he looks towards the final third of the season *writes Stuart Broom*.

Following a 2-1 victory over promotion chasing Plymouth Argyle to break a run of eight league games without a win on the same evening, and a 1-1 draw at lowly Hartlepool United last Saturday, the Glovers sit in no man's land being nine points off a play-off palace and eleven points above relegation.

Whichever way it goes, he is going to need a full strength squad as there are no chances now to add to it before the end of the season as even emergency loans are banned.

As a result he has added Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (Barnet), Kabongo Tshimanga (MK Dons) and Owain Jones (Swansea), all forwards, on half-season loan deals.

They join other forwards Shayon Harrison who has also arrived on loan for six months from Tottenham Hotspur, and Brandon Goodship, who has joined permanently as a free agent from Bournemouth.

With defender Tom James also joining permanently on a six-month deal from Cardiff, Way has added six players to his squad as he looks to finish the season in style.

Despite all these imports, the loss of Ryan Hedges who was recalled by his club Swansea, prior to transferring to Championship side Barnsley, is a huge loss to the club.

His impact has been decisive in the Glovers success this season and will be sorely missed, and it was disappointing that he missed the last month at Huish Park through injury caused by a callous, calculated first minute brutal foul by Exeter City's Joel Brown on Boxing Day.

Way has been critical of his forwards for not scoring enough goals, and of course the facts prove this with Francois Zoko, Tom Eaves and Otis Khan all only having scored seven apiece.

Yes they can be accused of missing chances, but all strikers at any level do that, but do they get the service they need to produce the opportunities, and will any of the five Way has signed be any better? None have glowing references in relation to goals per games ratios.

At 32, Akpro has had plenty of Football League experience with Grimsby Town, Rochdale, Tranmere Rovers and Shrewsbury Town, but has only scored 51 goals in over 350 appearances, whilst 20-year-old Tshimanga has had a series of short term loan deals over the last couple of years and has scored just seven in 42 outings.

Although Jones scored 16 times in 20 games for Swansea's U18s he has no senior experience, whilst Harrision, an 83rd minute sub for Tottenham in their 2-1 EFL defeat to Liverpool in October, also has no other senior exposure.

Goodship who joined the Glovers on a month's loan a year ago, scoring once in ten appearances, also doesn't have a glowing record. Obviously Way feels the problem is up front and chosen accordingly.

Considering Zoko was out for several months with an injury and has already scored seven in 23 games, several coming on from the bench, suggest he is no slouch, whilst the tireless Eaves and Khan have also got reasonable records, he obviously feels they are missing something.

Whilst a point against Hartlepool might be considered two dropped it has proved a notoriously difficult place to go.

However, if the Glovers are to make progress up League Two they need to be converting these games into victories.

This Saturday's home fixture against second bottom Leyton Orient therefore is a must.

After lifting them into a play-off place at the beginning of December and seeing them fall from grace in January, the Glovers boss will hope that they are now back on track and ready to make a challenge once again for a play-off place.

However they have the difficult task of beating fifth places Luton Town tonight in the Checkatrade Trophy Third Round at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters managed by former Glover full back Nathan Jones will be a tough one with five out through injury or suspension and some of the new recruits ineligible.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 30th); New Inn Kilm A 3 Nags Head 2, Charlie's Angels 3 Stepps 2, Dolphin 3 Ship Inn LR 0, Talbot Arms 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Lamb Swans 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League;New Inn Kilm A 2 Nags Head 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Stepps 1, Dolphin 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Lamb Swans 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels v Talbot Arms, Stepps v Gerrard Arms, Dolphin v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Nags Head v Ax Con Club,

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	49
Gerrard Arms	17	49
Ship Inn, LR	17	45
New Inn Kilm A	17	45
Ax Con Club	16	41
Dolphin, Beer	16	40
Lamb Swans	17	40
Charlie's Angels	16	39
Talbot Arms	16	38
Stepps	16	38
New Inn Kilm B	16	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	30
Stepps	16	28
Lamb Swans	17	27
Charlie's Angels	16	26
New Inn Kilm B	16	26
Ax Con Club	17	24
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Dolphin, Beer	16	21
New Inn Kilm A	17	21
Ship Inn, LR	17	21
Talbot Arms	16	21

Basketball

Bandits still unbeaten after strong finish

Tres Barriles Predators 43
Weymouth Bandits 63

WEYMOUTH Bandits recently travelled to Portsmouth to take on the Predators at Charter Community sports centre.

In the first quarter the teams were on par defensively with five minutes passing by before the any points were on the board.

Tres Barriles broke the deadlock with a layup followed by a quick three-pointer from the corner.

Six minutes in and at last the Bandits, looking to maintain their unbeaten run, got moving with two points from Mark Gorman.

The hosts hit back immediately with another two points before the visitors found their range and dominated the scoring for the remainder of the quarter scoring nine of the next 11 points with baskets from Louis Weaver, Jim De Bertrand, Scott White and Gorman. However, this still left the visitors short by one ending the quarter 11−10 behind.

The Bandits came out in the second with all guns blazing as they took the first three baskets. Captain Chris Canham led the way with Josh Westlake and White netting the others.

The Predators then got back in the game, but two three-pointers from Tom Storey and Canham pushed the visitors to 31-22 lead going in to the break.

Into the third, and the Bandits defence was proving hard for the hosts to breakdown.

More baskets from Gorman, Weaver and White were taking their toll on the Predators as the visitors increased their lead to14.

The final quarter saw the highest points tally of the game as the two teams traded baskets with De Bertrand, Westlake and Weavers scores matched by the hosts.

But The Bandits started to increase their lead courtesy of Storey and Canham.

The referees had had a quiet game, allowing the game to flow, but in this quarter they were kept busy as a quick succession fouls came about from both teams.

The Bandits kept pushing and finished the game strongly with more points from Gorman, White, Canham and Carl Carter getting on the sheet.

***Scores**; Mark Gorman 16, Louis Weaver 12, Chris Canham 10, Josh Westlake 8, Scott White 6, Tom Storey 5, Jim De Bertrand 4, Carl Carter 2.*

Table Tennis

Strong show from Weymouth youngsters

THREE teams of budding table tennis players from Budmouth College, Weymouth produced superb displays at the recent National Schools Team Table Tennis Championships Zonal Final where they competed against teams from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Bristol.

It couldn't have been a tougher start for the **Boys U16 team** of Jamie Blair, Will Jolliffe, Ethan Gear & Tom Lydford who played Eggbuckland College in Plymouth in the first match. With both considered joint favourites to win their group, it turned out to be the "Match of the Day"!

Blair got things underway with a stunning 3-2 victory over Leon Zacharkiw, having lost the first two legs, but with Jolliffe losing to Uther Kingdom, and Lydford going down 1-3 it was left to a rejuvenated Gear to level things up with a 3-0 win.

When Blair and Jolliffe both lost their second matches things didn't look good, but Gear gave another scintillating performance winning 3-0, leaving Lydford with all the pressure on his young shoulders. However, at 8-8 in the fifth and final leg the youngster kept his head to ensure a 4-4 draw.

Budmouth were declared winners of the tie on count back by 17 legs to 16.

The other two matches were much more straightforward as they claimed 7-1 and 6-2 victories over Bournemouth School for Boys and Haygrove School, Bridgwater, respectively. As winners, Budmouth go on to the Regional Finals to be held in Bristol on March 5th.

The **Girls U16 team** of Rosa McKechnie, Jaimee Browne, Ella Stanton & Sophie Storey were playing at this level for the first time, but they exceeded all expectations. They got off to a wonderful, start as they demolished Haygrove 7-1.

McKechnie led the way with two victories, but the match of the tie saw Storey trading shots in a tense five-leg match and at 8-10 down in the decider, some superb clean hitting took her to a 12-10 win.

The Budmouth girls then played Okehampton Community College who were the national U13 champions two years ago and although they fought hard, Budmouth were outclassed 8-0.

◆ **THROUGH TO REGIONAL FINAL:** The Girls under 16 team, from left; Rosa McKechnie, Sophie Storey, Ella Stanton and Jaimee Browne.

The last match was against Bournemouth School for Girls. McKechnie and Stanton both managed wins but the BSG girls surged into a 4-2 lead. Remarkably, both Storey and Browne then scored crucial victories to earn a 4-4 draw. As a result, the Budmouth finished runners-up in the group and progress to the Regional Finals in Bournemouth on March 4th.

The **Boys U13 team** of Ben Howe, Jed Brackenridge, George Ackerley & Ted Paul were also new to this level but acquitted themselves really well. They won their opening match 6-2 against St Laurence School from Bradford-on-Avon, but then suffered two 3-5 defeats to Wellington School and Bristol-based QE Hospital School.

In their final match, Bournemouth School for Boys ran out 7-1 winners to clinch the group, but many of the games were extremely close and the Budmouth Boys were certainly not out of place in such company.

Indoor Bowls - news from Bridport and Moonfleet clubs

Skipper Hedges puts Bridport in play-offs

CAPTAIN Phil Hedges came to the rescue of his team mates to see Bridport A through to the play-offs of the Dorset over 60s league.

It looked an impossible dream as Barry Mapson, Mel Griffiths and Phil Hedges trailed 9-1 early on in their penultimate match home to Dorchester A, but in a dramatic finish Hedges drew three fantastic woods over the last two ends to ease a win by 17-15.

With Brian Baker, Huw Rees and Mike Fletcher destroying their opponents 29-7 it gave them the maximum six points and ensured them of second place in League A.

With Dolphin taking a maximum against Dorset Resorts to kill off their chances of a top two place, it is now down to the final game with the Poole side heading into it with a two point advantage over Bridport.

Whilst leaders Dolphin entertain second bottom Dorchester, Bridport travel to bottom side Bournemouth knowing that they cannot afford to slip up.

With the winners of section A playing the runner-up of section B and vice versa, and the final placings still undecided in League B, Bridport opponents will be decided once the final round of games have been completed.

Although Bridport B also picked up maximum points at home to Dorchester B and leapfrog their opponents into third in League B, they can't make the play-offs.

Tony Bartlett, Mike Craddock and Keith Jenkins thumped their opponents 32-16, whilst Peter Sandall, Brian Pratt and Paul Hallett finished with a one count to squeeze home 15-14.

Bridport A ladies were 28-32 down at home against second placed Bournemouth A in the County Division One with one end left.

But Margaret Pestelle, Liz Walker, Pamela Daters and Sue Walsh scored a three count, and Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Nola Stephens and PatCole a two count on the final end to give Bridport the win and six of the available eight points.

Pat Cowmeadow, Penny Pither, Barbara Jenkins and Jenny Harding picked up two points for the B team in their County League Division Two game at Dolphin B, winning 19-14.

However, Erica Sarson, Beryl Stork, Anne Parkins and Jan Tattershall lost 14-27.

TIght games for Moonfleet

Moonfleet B 39 Dorchester C 38

MOONFLEET B entertained Dorchester C in a tense and exciting game in the Ladies County league.

Sue Paull, Sue Trott, Penny Dewey & skip Irene Abery were neck and neck at 7-7 after six ends against the Dorchester rink skippered by K Johns, but the visitors took control of the next four ends to move into a 16–

7 lead. It was then the turn of the Moonfleet quartet to dominate over the next six ends to close the gap and lie only two shots behind.

At 19–19 by the 13th end, the tension mounted as the hosts won one shot on the next only to concede one on the final end to finish with a 20–20 draw.

On the other rink Pam Hayward, Julie Watts, Jill Gwilliam & skip Judy Why looked in control over the first eight ends to open up a 12–4 lead against the Dorchester foursome led by skip C Jones.

The visitors then gradually began to add to their total and by end 16 the scores were level at 14–14.

The hosts won three of the next four ends to widen the gap again to 19–15 by the penultimate end.

Although it looked as though the match was going to the Moonfleet rink, the Dorchester foursome gave the hosts a fright by almost snatching it away.

An audible sigh of relief was heard as the three shots to Dorchester was not quite enough to stop the hosts claiming a 19–18 victory and an overall 39–38 total.

Moonfleet B 41 Dorset Resort 50

MOONFLEET B travelled through thick fog to Dorset Bowls Resort for a Ladies County League fixture.

Mary Collins, Liz Laidlaw, Julie Watts & skip Trixie Dempsey had an incredibly close tussle with the scores being tied four times throughout the first half and with both rinks on 11-11 by end 11.

It then looked as if the hosts were taking control as they blocked out the Moonfleet quartet and moved ahead 19–14 by end 15.

The visitors, claiming a massive six-shot haul on end 17 nosed ahead only to find the scores tied yet again at 2– 21 by end 18.

But Dorset Resort sealed the outcome by repeating a six-shot haul themselves on the penultimate end to finish with a 28–21 victory.

On the other rink Mary Dunne, Mary Corben, Ruby Spavins & skip Jill Gwilliam moved into a commanding lead against the Dorset Resort rink led by skip Liz Males.

At 11–3 by end eight, it looked as if the Moonfleet foursome were set to give the hosts a real challenge.

They kept up their tight control over the next seven ends to widen the gap to 18–8, but then the hosts went up several gears.

Winning five out of the remaining six ends, the Resort quartet added a massive 14 shots, leaving the Moonfleet rink having to settle for a 19–22 defeat.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 4th.

Ladies George Nomination Cup: Hot Gossips 191 La Crème 198, Wootton Wobblers 188 Skittso's 131, Generations v Smashers (to be played on February 27th), Wild Pins v Rollercoasters - No result card.

Men's Division Two Curtis Nomination Cup: Roadrunners 170 President's Men 174, British Legion 195 Tornadoes 285.

Men's Division One George Nomination Cup: Young Guns 241 No Hopers 287, Rousdon Rebels 218 Trappers 255, Flyers 160 Wreckers 157, Clueless 224 Marksmen 223.

Upcoming cup fixtures

Monday, February 20th

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Finals: Rollercoasters v Hot Gossips, Wootton Wobblers v Wild Pins.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers – bye.

Friday, February 24th

Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hopers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v Alleytwits.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
Marksmen	10	18	12
No Hopers	10	18	12
Flyers	11	16	4
Young Guns	9	8	10
Clueless	10	8	8
Trappers	10	8	8
Wreckers	10	8	8
Anthill Mob	11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	11	2	14

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	8	13	10
President's Men	9	13	8
Miscellaneous	8	11	6
Alleytwits	8	8	10
Tornadoes	9	8	8
British Legion	9	4	6
Shakers	9	3	10

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Skittso's	10	16	14
Wootton Wobb	10	14	17
Smashers	10	11	8
Rollercoasters	10	9	12
Hot Gossips	8	8	8
Wild Pins	8	8	7
Generations	9	4	4
La Crème	9	4	4

Seaton & District Snooker

Pike pots a 40

Results (Jan 31st); Sidmouth Cons 0+0 Honiton Wonderers 6+0, Honiton WMC 2+2 Colyton Feds 4+0, Chard Casuals 1+0 Colyton TC 5+0.

Breaks: Ben Pike 40.

Another fine away has seen reigning champions Honiton Wonderers extend their lead at the top of the table to a whopping 27 points.

Meanwhile, Colyton Feds lost two frames at Honiton Workies with only Stuart Orren winning two to continue his good form.

At Chard the Casuals suffered a hefty defeat at the hands of Colyton TC.

League table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	11	61
Colyton TC	10	34
Colyton Feds	10	30
Chard Casuals	10	27
Colyton ExCons	10	26
Sidmouth Cons	10	21
Honiton WMC	10	17

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	11	61
Chard Casuals	10	49
Sidmouth Cons	10	41
Colyton TC	10	40
Colyton Feds	10	38
Honiton WMC	10	29
Colyton ExCons	10	26

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	12	23
Well Hung Clocks	12	17
BSC	12	17
Nomads	11	17
Five Sticky Fingers	11	12
Hands of Time	12	11
Noth'n But Treble	12	9
Nags Head A	12	5
Les Miserables	12	5
Rubber Johns	12	2

180s; Tony Young 7, Terry Prowse 6, Nigel Lamb 4, six players x3, nine players x2, 20 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	12	18
Odds or Us	12	18
Respect-de-Bull	12	18
Young Darters	12	18
One for the Vikings	12	15
Elders	12	13
Otter Rotters	12	5
No Direction	12	5
Dat Team	12	5
Anchor Five	12	5

180s; Ashley Parker 4, Stuart Alner & Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker & Dan Rawlings both 2, 11 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	12	22
Dart Vaders	12	17
Poachers	12	17
The Surgeons	12	16
Midnight Runners	12	12
Tiger Bees	12	10
Anchor Vale Viewers	12	9
Flashes Fives	12	8
Royal Hawks	12	6
Time Bombs	12	3

180s; Paul Gumbrill 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	12	18
Wicked Team Name	12	18
No Chance	12	17
-1-11	12	15
The Nameless	12	14
Whamo	12	12
Odds & Sods	12	10
Sorted Odds	12	8
Hopeful Bashers	12	7
The Royal Nuts	12	1

180s; Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	18	34
Arrows Awry	18	28
Queens Bees	18	28
Sue's Rebels	18	26
Clocking On	18	21
Odd One Out	18	21
Queenies of the Club	18	17
Castaways	18	16
Against the Odds	18	15
Charlie's Angels	18	12
Don's Damsels	18	12
Good Mates	18	8
Drunking Aware	17	7
Tiger Stripes	17	5

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

West Dorset Hockey

Late defeat for depleted Hawks

Bridgwater A 3 West Dorset Hawks 2

THE Hawks, missing four key players, gave a solid performance in the circumstances, but were beaten by the better side at the weekend.

The hosts were looking to avenge their 3-1 defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season, and got off to a good start as the Hawks looked to settle with a team that saw A team captain and goalkeeper Alex Drew playing on the right wing, and veteran Lee Connolly back in the first team after two years following hip surgery.

A well-worked move after five minutes put Bridgwater in front, but Hawks equalised with a rather fortunate goal. Alex Davies broke forward before setting up Drew. The keeper saved his first effort but was completely duped by his follow up which he mishit, and

trickled over the line.

Bridgwater had more possession in what was a scrappy game, and it needed keeper Tom Lowe to keep them at bay with some superb saves, but they did find the net again before the break to lead 2-1.

The second half followed a similar patter, but once again Davies was the instigator of the equaliser, this time setting up Russell Coombs to coolly slot home.

The pressure started to build on West Dorset, but with Robin Goodfellow and Julian May in commanding form in the centre of defence, the hosts were finding it difficult to break them down.

Jim Bowditch was sent off close to the end as tensions rose but it looked like Hawks would hold out until a misplaced pass gave them the opportunity and their striker pounced to grab the winner.

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Chard	15	37
Plymouth Uni A	15	37
Penzance	15	33
Camborne School of Mines	15	29
Bude	15	28
WEST DORSET	15	21
Bridgwater A	15	19
Caradon	15	17
PGSOB A	15	16
ECV Hornets	15	15
Taunton Vale C	15	7
Devonport Services	15	0

Hawks generosity punished

ECV Hornets B 4 West Dorset A 2

ON the face of it, losing to the bottom club who had recorded only one previous win all season was a disaster.

However, the Hawks put in a superb performance in the circumstances.

Skipper Alex Drew had agreed to reschedule this fixture for Sunday at the Hornets' request, when they were originally unable to raise a team.

However, it was the Hawks who struggled with numbers this time round and travelled with only eight players, three of whom, Rick Dormer, Lee Connelly and Alex Drew, had played for the first team at Bridgwater the previous day.

A glimmer of hope was met on arrival at the Hornets' nest, firstly when Rick Dormer volunteered his 12-year-old son Jack to play the burley striker role, and secondly with the hosts agreeing to field 10 men from the start.

The game was relatively even from the start, but the extra man inevitably tilted the balance in favour of the hosts.

The starting back four of Henry Middleton, Richard Wilson, Lee Connelly and Matt Caton put in a sterling performance against the progressive attack from the home team, but it was just a matter of time before goals started flowing for the Hornets.

Not much could be done top prevent the first goal conceded. A well-drilled ball into the D was delicately diverted past unsighted keeper Drew.

The second was a rifled into the bottom corner from a short corner routine that Drew probably should have kept out.

The second half started as the first finished, and it wasn't long before the host had a third; a well worked move down the Hawks' left side drew out all the visiting team, leaving one lonely Hornet unmarked at the far post to tap in a well placed cross.

But then, the tables started to turn. Connelly's constant encouragement drove the Hawks forward as they started to make a game of it. Finally, the efforts of the middle musketeers of Bob Dormer, Ollie Gargrave and Rick Dormer were rewarded with a well-taken goal by the latter.

The offence continued to battle away and brought the hosts' previously dormant keeper firmly back to life.

A nasty looking knuckle injury to Middleton which saw him replaced by a late arrival did nothing to quell their efforts, but the revival was dealt a blow when the hosts scored their fourth, mirror imaging their first.

As the game drew to a close, the Hawks had the last hurrah. And what a hurrah it was. The finer details of the goal didn't matter, but who scored it did: none other than the young Jack Dormer to the delight of his teammates.

An excellent goal it was too, to cap off a great performance from an undoubtable "one for the future".

The Hawks remain comfortably in mid table as they travel to Chard B this Saturday, hoping to get back to fielding a full team and picking up valuable points.

Skipper Drew said: "It was an excellent performance in the circumstances, and a superb debut from Jack Dormer."

Team: *Alex Drew (Capt), Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Richard Wilson, Matt Caton, Ollie Gargrave, Rick Dormer, Bobby Dormer, Jack Dormer.*

South East Two	Pld	Pts
Exeter University F	13	36
Tiverton	12	34
Chard A	13	27
Chard B	11	21
WEST DORSET A	11	14
East Devon C	12	12
Minehead B	13	12
Dart A	13	10
Taunton Vale D	13	10
ECV Hornets B	13	6

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Golfers hampered by three-day wash out

THE wet and windy weather put a stop to most of the golf competitions that were due to take place last week.

The Bridport course is known to be free draining, but due to the wet conditions it was closed for three consecutive days and I don't recall that happening during the last 26 years of my membership!

The men fortunately did manage to hold their February Medal last Sunday and the 47 starters were no doubt relieved to get back on the course.

The lowest scores came from Division Two where Ian Thacker carded the best score of the day - a nett 66 - three clear of Mike Vincent's nett 69.

These were the only sub 70 nett scores of the day. Division One winner was George Brown with a nett 70, Russell Weller took the top spot in Division Three with a nett 71.

RESULTS

Division One; 1st George Brown 82-12=70, 2nd (acb) Pat Hart 83-12=71, 3rd Marc Harwood 82-11=71. Lowest gross Lewis Craddock 79.

Division Two; 1st Ian Thacker 82-16=66, 2nd Mike Vincent 82-13=69, 3rd Tony Burt 86-16=70.

Division Three; 1st Russell Weller 90-19=71, 2nd (acb) Terry Cleal 92-19=73, 4th Rob Smith 97-24=73.

Bridport youth Rugby

Bridport under 13s in form on the road

Sherborne U13 4 Bridport 12

BRIDPORT'S firepower in the first half proved too much for hosts Sherborne at the weekend *writes Noel Gregory.*

Keeping their shape in the backs and winning ball after ball in the loose, Oliver Hansford-Harvey, Tom Craven, Toby Pattemore and Inigo Boyle all scored inside the first 15 minutes.

Pattemore and Craven then crossed the line, with the loose ball being quickly played by Scrum half Joe Styrin.

A fine break by Sherborne was replied with individual tries by number eight George Found and full back Toby Gale, and a final drive over by Will Newton took the half time score to 9-1.

To even up the game, four Sherborne players swapped sides and the second half became a real contest.

Ernest Chaney and Inigo Boyle, both in Sherborne shirts scored tries, but Bridport responded with scores by Newton, Found, and Craven, to give a final score of 12-4.

Bridport will find it much harder away at Honiton next Sunday.

Mixed time for U11s

Bridport U11s played two sides in a bitterly cold Northeasterly wind which whipped across the Brewery ground, and, despite frozen fingers, played some creditable rugby, .

The first game against Poole was won three tries to one. Try scorers were captain Abi Alner, leading from the front as ever, Player of the Day Daniel James and Henry Everitt.

The second game was a bit of a walk in the park for Sherborne with Bridport conceding eight tries, a score which would have been more embarrassing but for an immense defensive effort from Charlie Brake and a notable last ditch tackle from Barney Johnson.

No doubt the cold played its part, but there needs to be a serious tightening up of the defence before the U11s undoubted skills can flourish.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 13th.

Portman Handicap Cup – Round three

Monday, February 13th

Alleycats (37) v Bangers, Brandy Snaps (5) v Wickers.

Tuesday, February 14th

Unknowns v Strawpeedoes (3).

Wednesday, Feb 15th

LHS (22) v Nelson Nobblers.

Thursday, February 16th

Yo Yo's (27) v Miss The Ball, Featherbeds (40) v Rockets Rough Eight v Castouts (28), Slingers v Whisky Chasers (24).

Cup Winners Cup SF

Thursday, February 16th

Ilchester - Broadoak (5) v Nelson Nobblers.

Friday, February 17th

Bradpole Club – Originals v Aussies Lot (10).

Note*: Would the winners of last season's league trophies please return them as soon as possible to the Lord Nelson.*

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	12	23
Rockets	12	16
Denhay	12	14
Rejects	12	14
Nelson Nobblers	11	12
Wanderers	11	12
Masters	10	11
Broadoak	12	8
Rough Eight	12	8
Slingers	12	8
U Know the Blokes	11	8
Lively Lads	11	4

Division B	Pld	Pts
The Dingles	11	17
Miss the Ball	11	16
Outsiders	10	13
Survivors	11	12
Bangers	11	10
Countrymen	11	10
Lost in Time	10	10
Originals	10	10
Castouts	10	6
Dingbats	7	6
Aussies Lot	10	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	12	22
LHS	12	18
NBC	12	18
Pioneers	12	16
Wickers	12	16
Unknowns	12	12
Whiskey Chasers	11	10
Brandy Snaps	11	8
Stingers	12	7
Yo Yo's	12	7
Groundhogs	11	6

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	12	24
Strawpeedoes	12	20
BFC	12	18
Alleycats	12	16
Featherbeds	11	14
Let em Roll	10	10
Firebirds	10	8
Hidden Talent	10	8
Offcuts	11	6
Pinbashers	10	6

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	11	27
Wozo's Warriors	9	24
Smack the Rack	11	22
Hunters Hot Pots	10	19
Old Cobbies	11	13
Drunken Sailors	10	13
Nags Head Trotters	10	12
Real Talbot	11	6
Ranger & Friends	9	0

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	10	20
Rousdon Club	10	20
Clockadoodledoo	12	16
Nags Z	12	15
Rock Point A	10	14
Royal Standard	12	12
Hunters Lodge	10	10
Four Play	10	8
Talbot Arms	10	8
Cobb Arms	9	4
Janners	10	4
Half an Octopus	11	3
See you Next Thurs	10	2

180s: R.Cross x5, T.Prowse x4, T.Bond x2, B.Grainger &T.Young both x2, 11 players x1.

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Another half dozen!

Basingstoke Town 1 Weymouth 6
Evo-Stik South Premier - att; 426

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FOR the second time in four games Weymouth hit six goals, this time powering past Basingstoke at The Camrose.

There was no stopping the Terras as they scored three first half goals to put them in the driving seat, and although the Dragons pulled one back immediately after the break, they could not prevent Weymouth adding three more.

In-form Stuart Fleetwood who went into the game having scored five in his last five games, continued his goal spree with a hat trick against a side that had won their last four matches.

There was no indication of what was to come as neither side really threatened in the first quarter of the match, but on 26 minutes Fleetwood lit the blue touch paper, thrashing his shot into the bottom corner of Alex Tokarczyk's net.

Three minutes later Charlie Davis found the top corner with a 25-yard free kick, although there was a suspicion that Dean Evans was offside, although on 35 minutes Chris Shephard was forced off with an injury to be replaced by Mark Moseley.

He didn't take long to make an impact when four minutes after coming on he was caught by Tokarczyk . Davis made no mistake from the spot to leave the Terras comfortably ahead 3-0 at the break.

However, within 20 seconds of the restart Tom McHale was forced into a good save as Aaron Jarvis broke through following a error by Stephane Zuber, and two minutes later the Dragons had pulled a goal back when Aaron Radford scored.

Joe Gator might have reduced the deficit to one had he not headed straight at McHale soon after.

The Terras restored their three goal advantage on the hour when Evans was credited with touching home a corner, the referee ignoring Sam Deadfield's claim that he had cleared the ball off the line.

Fleetwood added the fifth three minutes later, lobbing the keeper as he came to challenge, and then completed his hat trick and Basingstoke's misery on 79 minutes.

The victory sees the Terras move up to 11th in the Evo-Stik South Premier Division. They faced a much tougher task last night when they were due to visit fifth placed Slough. Victory wouldn't move them up the league but consolidate them midtable and just a point behind Biggleswade Town.

Weymouth are in action at the Bob Lord stadium on Saturday with the visit of Hitchin Town (3pm ko).

◆ **CHAMPIONS:** Mirroring the club's under 10s team's recent success, Redland U14s girls team won the Dorset Qualifier for the FA Futsal National Youth Festival . The team, which won all six of their matches, now go forward to the South West Regional Final at Paignton

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